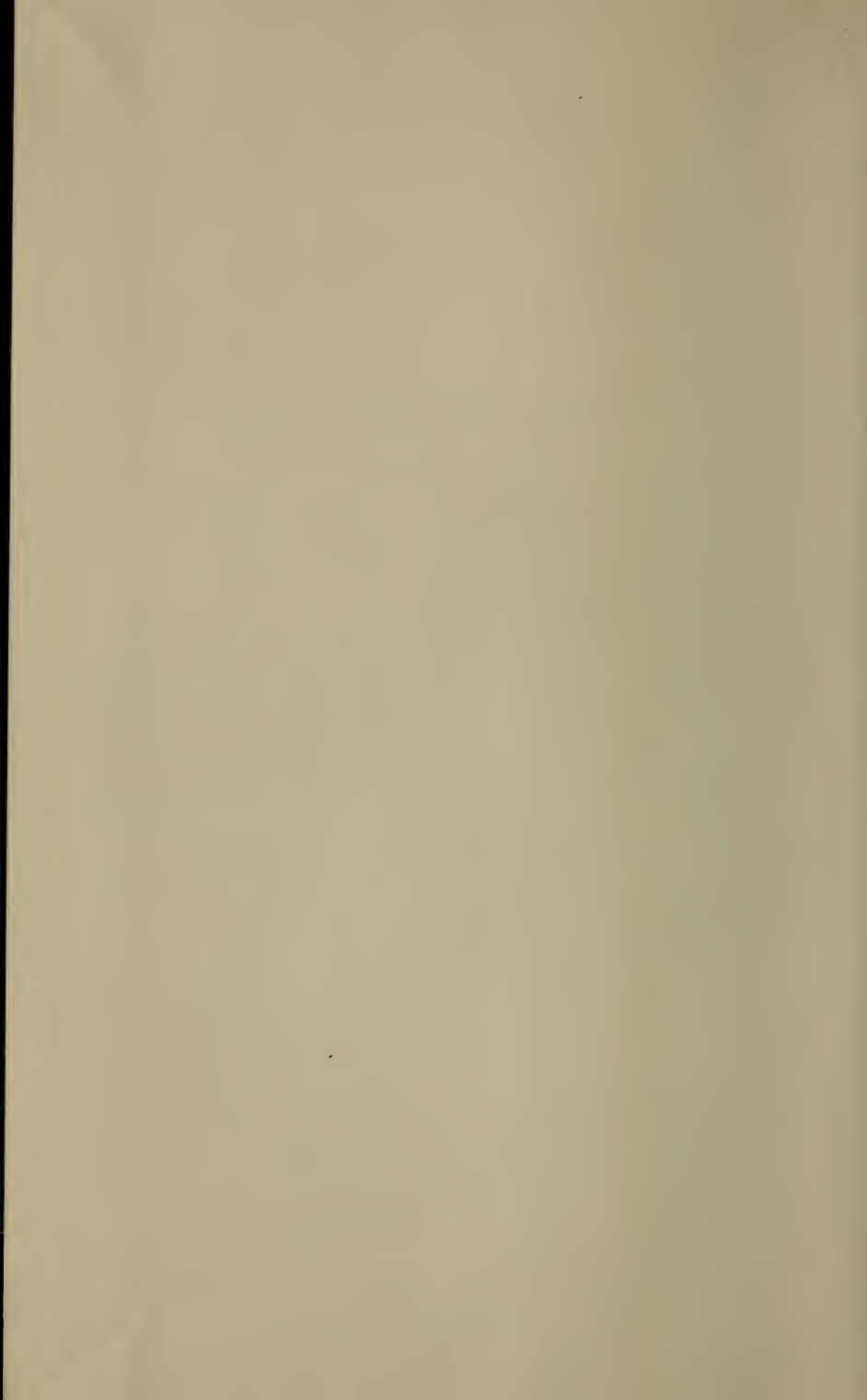
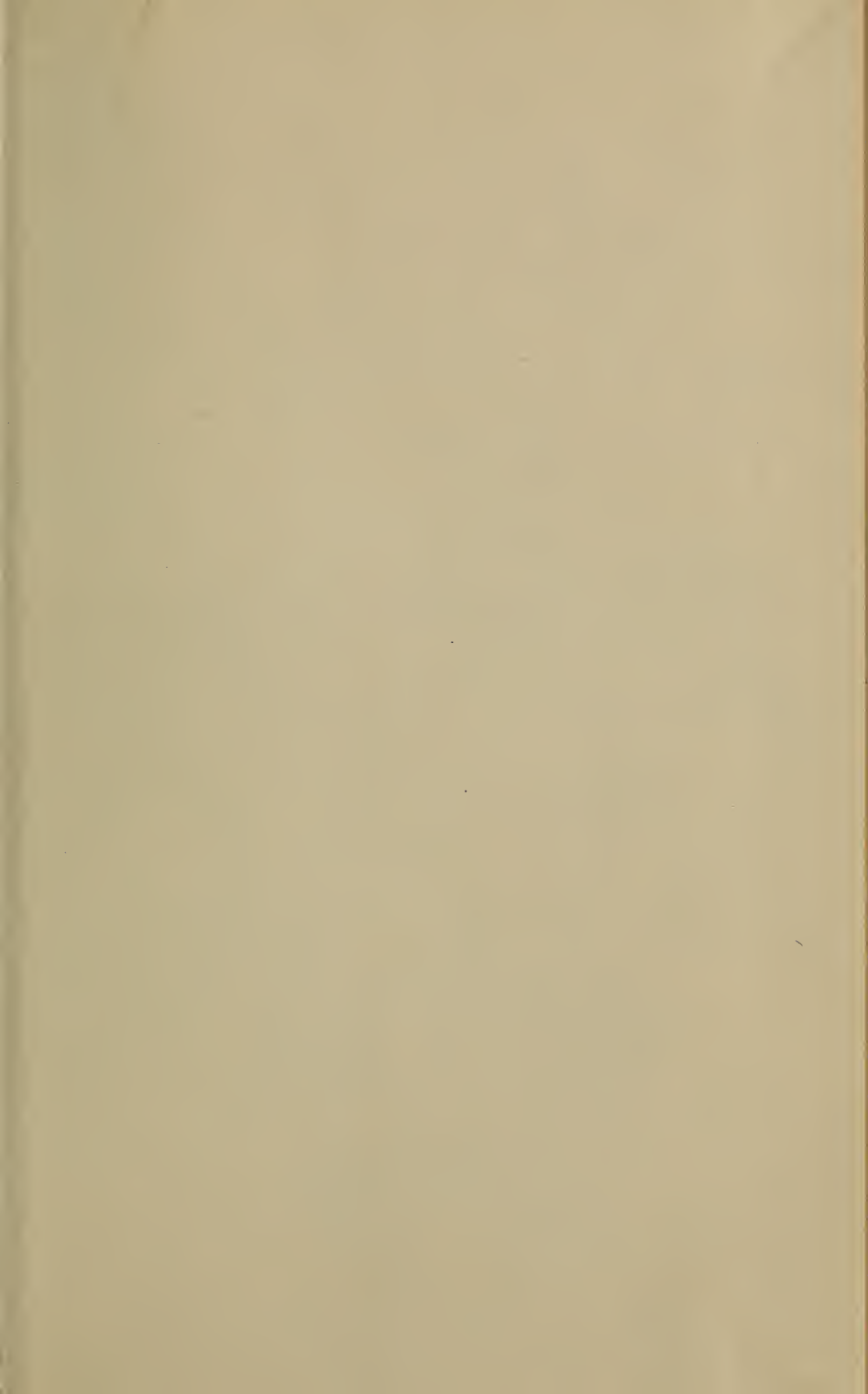


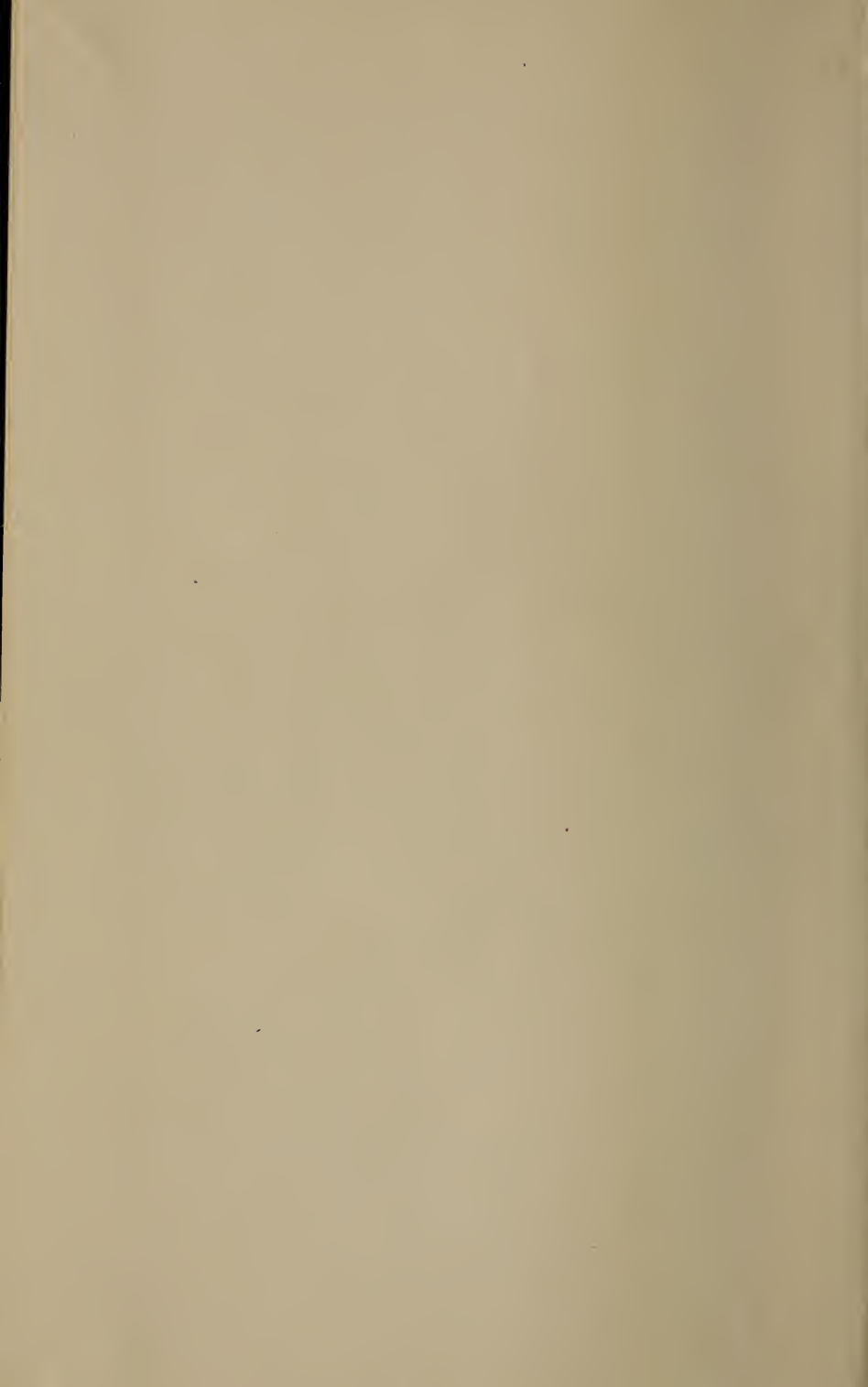
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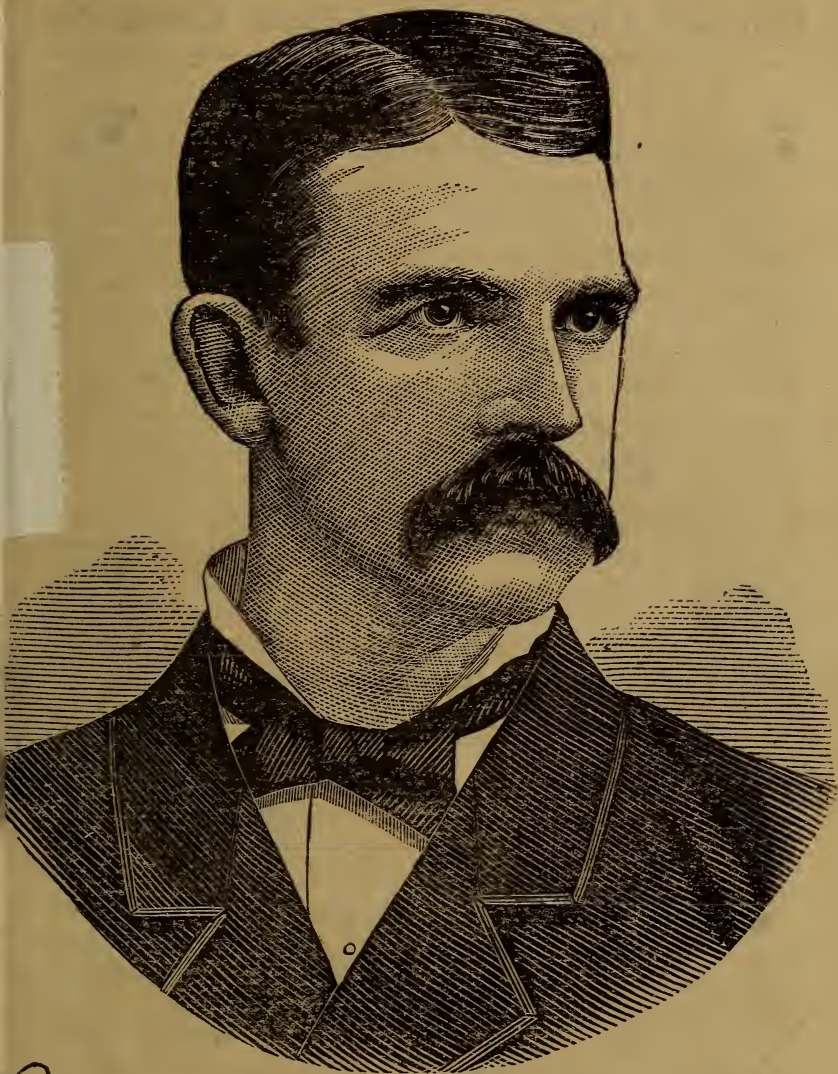
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PREFACE.

In presenting **THE GUIDE** and **OFFICIAL LEAGUE BOOK** for 1880 the publishers desire to render thanks for the cordial reception and liberal patronage accorded heretofore to their efforts to supply to the lovers of base ball a complete and compact compendium of matters of interest pertaining to the noble game; and to hope that the present volume will be found to be even more attractive and valuable for consultation and reference than were either of its predecessors. It is our aim to make **THE GUIDE** indispensable to the players and patrons of base ball, and, while adding such improvements and changes as the events and experiences of each year may suggest, to retain at the same time such features of value and interest as have been found to be useful at all times in a work of this kind. For this reason we have thought proper to reproduce from **THE GUIDE** of 1879 some remarks concerning curved pitching, together with some additional reflections called forth by the developments of last year.

The batting and fielding averages of the League clubs will be found to be absolutely accurate and reliable, as they have been compiled from the League official records by the Secretary of that organization, and by him furnished to **THE GUIDE** for exclusive publication. Equal accuracy has been attained in our records of non-League players so far as we have been able to obtain the same from the Secretaries of the different clubs.

Important changes will be noted further on in the Constitution and Playing Rules of the National League, which will command attention throughout the country as being in the interest of the game in its best and highest development. This legislation will be found in no other form excepting that in which it is herewith presented, as **THE GUIDE** is by special contract with the League made the sole medium of publication of the proceedings of that body.

RETROSPECTIVE.

It is now some thirteen years since the game of base ball came into general notice as an outdoor sport possessing attractive elements and points of interest, alike to participants and spectators, such as no other pastime had ever developed. Leaving out of the question the precise origin of the game, which is difficult to trace and perhaps not worth the trouble, we find that it was not until 1867 that the game may be said to have become nationally popular, though for some years previous to that time it was much in vogue in different localities. Curiously enough, it remained for base ball professionals to popularize and bring into general acceptance a game at one time thought to be the exclusive property of amateurs. A vast amount of prejudice against professionalism had to be overcome, and contemptuous references to "hireling players," "hired men," "imported professionals," and the like, were very common ten years ago. The idea that a person should be hired to do a thing which he ought to do for the love of it, was for some time the basis of a strong prejudice entertained by many worthy people, who fancied they saw in professionalism the element of early decay and certain downfall. Experience proved the contrary, and to-day the fact is generally recognized and scarcely disputed that the introduction of the professional element into base ball has been the direct means of popularizing the game to a degree impossible to be realized when restricted to its chances for finding favor with amateurs as its only exponents. This introduction of the professional element has, we say, been the immediate cause of calling into existence thousands of amateur organizations which otherwise would have never had a career or a history, and in this way has been of untold value in the cultivation of a taste among young men and boys for a manly athletic sport, while at the same time

bringing into the open air for two or three hours of an afternoon millions of people who would otherwise remain shut up in doors.

The development of ball-playing as a steady avocation has also resulted in the creation of a demand for a new branch of industry, and this demand has so steadily kept in advance of the supply that there are to-day few pursuits which offer a more profitable and honorable reward for the distinctive line of talent and fitness required than is offered by base ball. The young man of good physique, compact frame, well-developed muscles, vigorous constitution, and the possessor withal of those peculiar characteristics of activity and alertness which go to make up the successful ball-player—such a young man, provided he be blessed with good habits and sound integrity, can find few avenues of employment more remunerative, creditable, wholesome, and enduring than that opened to him through the demand for good ball-players.

In 1867 the first extended tour of a professional base ball organization was made, the Nationals of Washington appearing in different cities of the Union with such uniform success as to open the eyes of people who had supposed the beauties of the game had received their fullest illustration at the hands of the local amateur clubs. The superior skill shown by the visitors sowed the seeds of healthy emulation, and the second year thereafter saw in Cincinnati the famous Red Stocking team which went through the season with a success never before achieved by a ball club. Their career served to intensify the passion for the game and to stimulate the formation of clubs that should achieve similar renown.

The year 1870 saw a large beginning made toward the inauguration of the era of professional ball-playing, the fever having spread to Chicago, Cleveland, Rockford, and Cincinnati in the West; while in the East, where an earlier start had been made, were to be found a number of strong clubs, organized on the pro-

fessional plan, and the players either receiving a fixed salary or a share in the receipts.

From that time to the present the game has steadily progressed in favor and improved in attractiveness, until it is to-day a firmly-established sport which can command patronage sufficient for its healthy support just so long as the game is held up to its present high standard of honesty and freedom from debasing associations. More than that, it is perfectly practicable to strengthen the game in public favor and increase its popularity by perfecting its practical development to a greater uniformity. Much has been accomplished in this direction within the past few years, notably since the formation of the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs, whose mission has been to elevate, perfect, and popularize the game, and, by means of united action by those whose interests were identical, to throw around the game a system of restraints and safeguards impossible to be imposed except where the power to punish for misconduct goes with the authority to devise restrictive measures. Under the care and management of the League the game has been brought to a higher degree of perfection than ever before, but there is still room for improvement, and it is in the direction of the individual efforts of the players themselves. It is in their power, and certainly in the line of their interests, to bring about a better state of things so far as habits and conduct on and off the ball field are concerned. and in this way to not only increase the average grade of skill among all the clubs, but also gain a higher place in the respect and good will of the patrons of the game.

In this connection we cannot refrain from directing the attention of all ball-players, whether connected with League or non-League, professional or amateur clubs, to the "Address to Players" adopted at a special meeting of the League held at Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 26, and printed in another part of this volume. It can be read with profit by every player in the country.

THE SEASON OF 1879.

The playing season of 1879 developed much of interest in connection with base ball, and, as regards the quality of skill and the general character of the play throughout, was an advance upon previous years. As to patronage by the public the season was fairly remunerative and in the main satisfactory, the clubs offering the best attractions in the way of uniformly good play being, as they always are and always will be, the clubs which secured the largest attendance and revenue. Besides the eight clubs comprising the League, and the nine belonging with the National Association, there were distributed throughout the United States a number of unusually strong professional and semi-professional organizations whose contests were the means of bringing into notice many players of merit hitherto unperceived. It has been our endeavor to obtain and publish in THE GUIDE the batting and fielding averages of all these clubs, and while tendering our grateful acknowledgements for courtesies extended by club officers in forwarding records for compilation, we regret that a larger number have not availed themselves of the opportunity of presenting their club averages along with the general mass of statistical information which it is the aim of this book to furnish.

The year has been one of renewed victories for the pitchers, and of added difficulties for the batsmen, and small scores of runs have been the result as a rule. The practice of underhand throwing, with its increased speed and puzzling curve, has been brought to a high degree of skill, and the number of pitchers is legion who can at times baffle the cleverest of batsmen, though the number is infinitely less who are able for an entire series of games, much less a whole season's play, to maintain anything like an equable degree of efficiency. In fact, there has not been a pitcher who has not been batted out of his position many times

during the season; and yet, curiously enough, it has frequently happened that the same pitcher could in the very next game with the same club utterly circumvent and defeat the very batsmen who had pounded his delivery so savagely the day before. Why this is thus, is one of the singularities of the game which nobody has ever yet been able to fully account for, and probably never will. Yet it has been found in the long run that steadiness, nerve, coolness and courage under adverse circumstances, and, above all, a uniformly clear head and good physical condition, such as comes of moderation and temperance in habits and practices,—it has been demonstrated beyond question that these things tell in the long run, and that, the quality of support being equal, that pitcher will at the close of the season have the best record whose conduct has been best guided by the dictates of intelligent self-control; and, *per contra*, the pitcher who pursues an opposite course of conduct, no matter how brilliant and effective his work on the ball-field may be at times, will at the season's close find himself low down in the scale of comparative efficiency, and the estimated value of his services for the ensuing year materially reduced in consequence. But these remarks apply not alone to pitchers; they may be taken home with equal force and fitness by every man who plays ball as an avocation.

The change made last year in the batting order was found to work well and give general satisfaction—that is, the rule providing that the striker at the beginning of an inning shall be the player following the batsman in the preceding inning who had completed his “time at bat,” and not, as formerly, the third hand out.

It was ordained by the League a year ago that the foul bound catch be done away with, and that a ball must be caught on the fly in order to put out the striker. This rule, however, was rescinded before the playing season began, in deference to a very general feeling that by the abolition of the bound catch many opportunities for a handsome play after a hard run

would be taken away, and the interest in the game to that extent decreased. So the foul bound catch was restored, and will probably remain a permanent feature hereafter.

The abolition of the practice formerly known as "fair-foul hitting" has proved to be a desirable modification of the batsman's privileges, as well as a satisfactory limitation of the umpire's discretionary powers. It is important to take away such powers to the utmost, and to enact a fixed law to supplant individual judgment and optional decision by an umpire as far as practicable.

It was largely in view of this consideration that the important change of a year ago was made in the matter of calling balls, whereby every fair delivery by the pitcher was required to be either a ball or a strike. Nine balls delivered out of the batsman's reach sent him to his base on called balls, and the system was found to work admirably. Under this new rule the umpire is required to promptly render judgment on every ball pitched, so that the pitcher knows how much leeway remains to him, and can vary his delivery accordingly; the batsman is also informed of his exact position in reference to balls and strikes, and the spectators are equally well posted in all these details of the play.

This principle is retained for another year, though a slight variation is made in its application. Hereafter the pitcher will be allowed but eight balls, instead of nine. This limitation is calculated to accomplish several desirable objects, among them the reduction by one-ninth of the duration of the game, the saving of the catcher's hands in an equal proportion, and the increase of the batsman's chances to get a good ball. There are other changes and modifications in the playing rules that will be adverted to in another place.

As a general thing, the relations between umpires, players, and spectators have been rather more satisfactory than during previous years—an improvement

greatly to be desired, as all will admit. But there is room for a further advance in the same direction. Let the clubs first exercise close discrimination in the selection of an umpire, taking care to secure a man who is both competent and honest, and when he is once chosen let both sides bow to his decrees without grumbling. Where two clubs play a game of ball, one must be beaten—barring an occasional tie game and a draw—and the beaten club is altogether too much disposed to attribute its defeat to some doubtful decision by the umpire, and at the same time to overlook the episodes of loose play on its own part which were the real causes of losing the game. An unfavorable decision should be accepted without more than a momentary and reasonable protest by *the one person* in the nine authorized to make such protest or comment; and when the point is settled, let it be forgotten and lost sight of in a vigorous determination to make up for the set-back by harder and more effective work.

The comparatively small number of injuries sustained by players during the season of 1879 has attracted attention and remark. This is peculiarly true as regards injuries caused by the ball, and furnishes the most conclusive evidence possible that the present League Ball (which has been retained as the official and only ball to be used by League Clubs during 1880) has been brought to a higher stage of perfection than has ever before been reached in the manufacture of a ball for all the purposes of the game.

CURVED PITCHING.

In view of the important relation which the method of delivering the ball to the bat bears to the game, we have thought proper to reproduce in somewhat altered form some of the observations heretofore presented in **THE GUIDE** on the subject of "Curved Pitching." The fact that a pitcher can curve a ball toward or from the batsman is now too well established to require argu-

ment, and our object in illustrating the subject is to afford to young players some practical hints which by their own experience and skill may be made of use to them. The great aim and purpose of parabolic pitching is to deceive the batsman by so sending the ball



Position of Hand for the In-curve to a Right-Hand Batter, or
Out-curve to a Left-Hand Batter.

to him as to render it difficult to judge the precise point at which it will pass the home-plate. It has been amply demonstrated that merely swift, straight pitching, no matter how cleverly varied as to delivery, pre-

sents no difficulties that a batsman may not readily overcome; and the science of pitching is therefore reduced, not so much to a question of speed as of deception—that is to say, the great point which curved pitching strives for is, to reduce to the minimum the time during which a batsman may make up his mind whether or not to strike at the ball. This is accomplished by causing the ball to take a sudden curve just before reaching the batsman, tempting the latter to strike at it in the belief that it is coming fairly over the plate, and thereby causing him to miss it altogether, or else to make a weak hit on which he can easily be put out; or, as often happens, deceiving the batsman with the supposition that the ball is not one at which he must strike, when in fact, by the sudden taking on of the inward or outward curve, the ball is made to go over the plate at the required height, and a “strike” is called. This power of changing the direction of the ball has come to be regarded as indispensable in effective pitching, and, for the purpose of enabling young players to get some idea of the way the “twist” is put on, the following cuts have been made. They are drawn from photographs taken from life. It should be premised that all curve pitchers do not take the ball in hand alike. One prominent pitcher always seems to have the ball in the hollow of his hand, no matter how he expects to curve it. Most players, however, hold the ball differently for each delivery.

The first illustration shows the method of delivery employed by a pitcher who achieved considerable success during the season of 1879.

The pitcher is here in the act of putting on the in-curve to a right-hand and the out-curve to a left-hand batsman.

He closes the third and last fingers, and holds the ball with the first and second and the thumb. Raising his hand nearly to the height of the shoulder and back of him, he takes a step forward, and bringing his hand down even with his waist, delivers the ball with his

wrist turned well back and a sort of snap motion which can be compared to nothing so well as to the "cracking" of a whip. The whole point in this delivery is to have the ball leave the two fingers last. It



Position of Hand for Out-curve to Right-Hand Batter,
or In-curve to Left-Hand Batter.

should, in fact, roll off those fingers, as one might say, and thus get a rotary motion, which will give it the curve. This will be made clear enough by taking a ball in the hand and allowing it to roll off the fingers to the side.

The second illustration presents the method of delivery used in the out-curve. It appears more difficult than the other, but is much more common in practice. The swing of the arm is of course nearly the same in both cases; but for the out-curve the ball should leave the ends of the fingers last, and the thumb should be kept out of the way. By examining the illustration and conceiving of the ball as leaving the forefinger last, a clear idea of a circular motion opposite to the former one can be gotten. It is plain, of course, that the rotary motion of the ball in this case must be exactly opposite to that which would produce the in-curve.

It is not claimed for these illustrations and views that they cover the ground of curved pitching, or that they do more than offer some crude and elementary suggestions in a department of work where the utmost degree of skill is only secured after long and patient practice. Neither should it be supposed that the mere putting on of the in or out curve constitutes effective pitching; on the contrary, some of the most radically parabolic pitchers have been batted with the greatest of freedom. The power to curve the flight of a ball between the pitcher and the batsman is valuable only as an auxiliary to the pitcher. The main requisites are, and always will remain, an accurate knowledge of the peculiarities of every batsman; a correct gauge of his strong and weak points, by which the pitcher ascertains what kind of a ball it is that he least often makes a safe hit on, but which he can be tempted to strike at; the command of the ball sufficient to enable the pitcher to take advantage of this important knowledge, and by which he can at all times deliver to the batsman the ball just a little in or out, above or below the place "where he wants it;" the strength and endurance to last out a long game without any falling off in efficiency; and the rare quality of mind and character by which the pitcher can keep his temper absolutely unruffled and his courage undaunted under irritating

decisions by the Umpire and loose and ineffective support by the field. A pitcher possessing in the highest degree these qualifications, all of which are susceptible of acquirement through determined effort, is the one who will stand best at the end of the season.



A. C. ANSON.

BATTING,

More than ever before, the great need of improvement in batting strength has been demonstrated by the experiences of the playing season of 1879. With

the introduction of underhand throwing with its accompanying curves, to take the place of the straight, swift delivery of the old-style pitching, new difficulties have been thrown in the path of the batsman, and it is upon the cultivation and development of capability in this direction that the young and rising player must now chiefly depend for his position in the scale of merit. We can perhaps afford no more practical and acceptable assistance and counsel in this matter than by directing attention to the most successful batsmen of the country, and as nearly as may be point out the elements of their success.

The first illustration presented has for its subject the leading batsman of the League for 1879, Adrian C. Anson, Captain and first baseman of the Chicago Club.

The position shown in the engraving is characteristic of this remarkable batsman, who combines the quality of alertness with that of absolute self-possession and freedom from anxiety or nervousness to a degree equaled by few ball-players. It will be seen that he stands well and firmly upon his feet, his body erect and poised for action when the time for action comes. He uses an extra heavy bat, and swings it with the freedom which his exceptional muscular strength permits. It is not, however, the peculiar ease of attitude so much as the mental poise of this batsman that suggests the secret of his uniformly high standing in the profession. His judgment as to balls and strikes is very accurate, and he seldom strikes at a ball which would otherwise have been a "called ball." His confidence in himself is unbounded, and he is entirely undismayed when "two strikes and a fair ball" have been called—rather preferring that situation, it is said, as it very materially increases his chance of getting a good ball to strike at. To "strike out" is with him a rare occurrence. He calls for a high ball, and hits with freedom at anything delivered within that range.

The position and peculiarities of Anson as a batsman are quite similar to those of Paul A. Hines, of the Providence Club, who stands second in rank among League batsmen. Hines also illustrates the great



GEORGE WRIGHT.

advantage of coolness and self-confidence when facing a skillful pitcher, and well deserves the place he has gained as one of the strongest and surest hitters in the profession.

We give herewith a picture showing the batting attitude taken by George Wright, an experienced and

honored exponent of the game of base ball, and who, at the close of the season of 1879, enjoyed the proud distinction of having done effective service as Captain of the Providence Club, the winner of the League



A. DALRYMPLE.

Championship for that year. As a free, strong hitter of high balls he offers many points worthy of study and emulation.

The player whose batting position is here represented is A. Dalrymple, of the Chicagos, of 1879 and

1880, and the highest in rank of the League Batsmen of 1878. It may be said that his style is the embodiment of the faculty of free hitting, as we know of no player in the country to whom the precise elevation of a ball is of so little consequence, provided it comes over the plate. Some of his longest, hardest hits—perhaps the majority of them—are made off balls below the knee; while he is equally liable to strike at and hit a ball delivered at his shoulder. He is for this reason held in some dread by pitchers, who are unable to gain any advantage through delivering the ball where he is supposed not to want it. His mind is not made up as to striking until the ball is very close to the plate, and his quick eye enables him then to bring his bat with a rapid sweep up or down to the line of the ball, and, as he strikes with great force, the ball if hit fairly will go hard and far. He is a left-hand batter.

The O'Rourke brothers, James and John, who are included in the list of Boston's players under engagement for 1880, are good samples of the free and effective use of the bat; as is also M. J. Kelly, of the Cincinnati Club of 1879, and the Chicago of 1880, and some others who could be pointed out as good models for the thoughtful player who aims to excel in this important branch of ball-playing.

LEAGUE LEGISLATION.

In that portion of THE GUIDE which contains the official minutes of the regular and special meetings of the League are to be found many essential and important changes in the Constitution and Playing Rules, all of them devised for the improvement of the game and the perpetuity of its popularity as the great out-door American sport. A prominent part of this new legislation is that which has in view the relations between Clubs and Players, and which aims to provide such a code of regulations as shall, so far as possible, place in the hands of every Club in the League the power to exact from its players a more satisfactory equivalent for their salaries than has been the practice heretofore. Any such legislation, enacted and enforced in a spirit of justice and fairness, cannot but be a benefit to both Players and Clubs. It needs no argument to show that the new system of discipline and penalties is for the good of every player who means to give his best services to his Club, or that its effect will be to surround the player of morally weak tendencies with wholesome restraining influences. This subject is, however, so exhaustively considered in the "Address to Players," adopted by the League at its special meeting of Feb. 26, 1880, and printed further on in this volume, that it is not necessary here to do more than to commend the "Address" to the reader as a fair, frank, friendly admonition which ought to be heeded.

Beginning with Article V of the League Constitution, it will be observed that a new and very severe penalty has been prescribed in section 6 for drunkenness, insubordination, or any dishonorable or disreputable conduct by a player either on or off the ball-field. The League has placed it in the power of every Club connected therewith to suspend from play and from pay

any player who may be adjudged guilty of such conduct; this suspension to cover not only the entire season for which the player is under contract to the Club, but the Club may in its discretion carry the penalty of suspension over to and through the next ensuing season; and during the whole time of suspension the player is debarred from playing in any League nine, and League Clubs will refuse to play with any Club whatsoever that has employed the player during the period of suspension.

Article IX., Section 1, is so amended as to provide that meetings of the League shall only be held in cities where no Club connected with the League is located; and section 3, of the same Article, now prescribes that at annual meetings the election of new members is made the third order of business, instead of the sixth, as heretofore.

Article XI., Section 1, has been amended in a very important particular; viz, as to Club contracts. It is now required that the same form of printed contract be used by every League Club in the engagement of every player. This amendment is obviously intended to assist in giving effect to the system of discipline and penalties already referred to.

Article XII., Section 3, relating to the Championship, is so amended as to require visiting Clubs to remain over and play games prevented by rain, or tie games, unless it be necessary for the visiting club to travel on that day in order to play a Championship game on a date previously agreed upon. The effect of this change will be in favor of the home club on its own grounds, where the greater portion of its revenues are obtained, as well as to insure the fulfillment of the schedule as far as possible.

To Section 10 of Article XII. is added a clause requiring of every League Club the uniform exaction of fifty cents as the admission fee for each adult person. Experience has convinced a majority of the officers of League Clubs that a smaller rate of admission

will not produce the revenue necessary to pay salaries and expenses and leave no deficit to be made good out of the pockets of the stockholders. The League has no desire to cut down salaries, but would be glad to be able to offer still stronger inducements to young men of intelligence and fine physical development, of brain and brawn, of mind and muscle, to engage in ball-playing as an avocation. Moreover, it is vitally necessary that the compensation to players shall be sufficient to remove all temptation to dishonesty—sufficient to enable the player to live comfortably and respectably, and at the same time by prudence and economy to save something out of his income against the time when he shall no longer be able to play ball. The highest interests of the game will be served rather by an increase than a reduction of salary expenses. Hence, in the belief that the exaction of a smaller entrance fee to games than fifty cents would result in diminishing Club revenues and thereby compel a reduction of salaries below the present rate, the League has determined on maintaining the price of admission at the figure which experience has shown that the patrons of base-ball will cheerfully pay for witnessing games of the high grade of skill offered by League nines.

Under the head of Playing Rules and Directions will be found many valuable modifications and improvements, not less in the details of the game itself, than in the clear and lucid form in which the Rules are now presented. Among the amendments suggested by experience and observation as calculated to enhance the interest and beauty of the game may be mentioned the rule relating to the termination of a game when the winning run shall have been scored. Under the new rule a game may be ended in eight and one-half innings, that is to say, if the club first at bat in the ninth inning shall fail to equal the score made by its opponent in eight innings, the game shall end without the playing of the last half of the inning; while if the side last at bat in the ninth inning scores the winning run

before the third man is out, the game is to be thereupon ended; and the same principle is applied to extra innings in case of a tie, the game ending when the winning run shall have been scored.

The reduction to eight of the number of unfair balls upon which a batsman is given his base, and the abolition of the bound catch on the third strike, are change of importance. The effect of the former will be to shorten the game somewhat, to decrease the advantage of the pitcher over the batsman, and to save the catcher's hands in some degree, though the latter advantage is partially offset by the added requirement that the catcher must hold the ball on the third strike.

We desire, in concluding this branch of our subject, to render acknowledgements to the efficient and obliging Secretary of the League, Mr. N. E. Young, to whose precision and promptness we are largely indebted for the very valuable statistical and official portions of this book.

THE SCORE.

Under this head it is proper to call attention to the altered form and added clearness of the League requirements as to the scoring of games. It is of exceeding value to clubs and players everywhere that the greatest possible degree of uniformity be obtained in this matter, and to this end we would recommend the general adoption of Spalding's Score Book, designed and invented by A. G. Spalding & Brothers, of Chicago. This system has had a remarkable success, being in use by nearly all the League and other club scorers of the country. The merit of the device lies in the fact that it requires less than one-third of the symbols of the old systems, and can be learned perfectly in one game. The leading idea is that the position of a dot or letter gives it a different value, and the whole is so simple that it is approved as soon as seen.

OFFICIAL AVERAGES OF LEAGUE PLAYERS FOR 1879, 1878, 1877.

Rank in 1879.	PLAYERS.	CLUBS IN 1879.	BATTING.			FIELDING.		
			1879.	1878.	1877.	1879.	1878.	1877.
			Percentage of base hits per times at bat.	Percentage of base hits per times at bat.	Percentage of base hits per times at bat.	Percentage of chances accepted.	Percentage of chances accepted.	Percentage of chances accepted.
1	Anson.....	Chicago.....	.407	.336	.335	.974	.818	.872
2	Hines.....	Providence.....	.357	.351	.321	.866	.837	.833
3	Jas. O'Rourke	Providence.....	.351	.274	.350	.863	.829	.856
4	{ Kelly.....	Cincinnati.....	.348	.281	.....	.782	.755	.....
	{ Gross.....	Providence.....	.348	.....	.....	.786	.....	.....
5	Jno. O'Rourke	Boston.....	.341	.....	.....	.882	.....	.....
6	J. L. White..	Cincinnati.....	.330	.308	.385	.713	.906	.964
7	Cogswell.....	Boston.....	.322	.....	.....	.966	.....	.....
8	Shaffer.....	Chicago.....	.319	.344	.290	.798	.844	.815
9	Start.....	Providence.....	.318	.345	.321	.973	.957	.964
10	Jones.....	Boston.....	.315	.297	.323	.933	.....	.....
11	C. J. Foley..	Boston.....	.313	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	York.....	Providence.....	.307	.302	.256	.897	.867	.886
13	Dalrymple..	Chicago.....	.300	.356	.....	.720	.833	.....
14	{ McVey.....	Cincinnati.....	.299	.293	.322	.947	.813	.847
	{ Williamson..	Chicago.....	.299	.223	.....	.872	.850	.....
15	{ Dickerson..	Cincinnati.....	.294	.309	.....	.798	.877	.....
	{ McGuinness..	Syracuse.....	.294	.....	.....	.928	.....	.....
16	Farrell.....	Syracuse and Prov..	.293	.....	.....	.878	.....	.....
17	Flint.....	Chicago.....	.290	.228	.....	.830	.806	.....
18	Ward.....	Providence.....	.287	.203	.....	.878	.814	.....
19	Kennedy.....	Cleveland.....	.285	.....	.....	.816	.....	.....
20	Crowley.....	Buffalo.....	.282	.....	.....	.800	.....	.....
21	{ Wright.....	Providence.....	.281	.221	.255	.926	.947	.894
	{ Morrill.....	Boston.....	.281	.240	.272	.917	.957	.892
22	{ Richardson..	Buffalo.....	.278	.....	.....	.845	.....	.....
	{ Hotaling.....	Cincinnati.....	.278	.....	.....	.833	.....	.....
23	McGeary.....	Providence.....	.276	.....	.....	.899	.....	.....
24	Brouthers...	Troy City.....	.273	.....	.....	.925	.....	.....
25	{ Aaron Clapp.	Troy City.....	.272	.....	.....	.799	.....	.....
	{ Eden.....	Cleveland.....	.272	.....	.....	.808	.....	.....
26	Phillips.....	Cleveland.....	.271	.....	.....	.953	.....	.....
27	Gore.....	Chicago.....	.268	.....	.....	.869	.....	.....
28	Brown.....	Chicago and Prov...	.267	.310	.254	.771	.879	.883
	{ Dorgan.....	Syracuse.....	.266	.....	.....	.844	.....	.....
29	{ Walker.....	Buffalo.....	.266	.....	.....	.946	.....	.....
	{ Fulmer.....	Buffalo.....	.266	.....	.....	.908	.....	.....
	{ Horning.....	Buffalo.....	.266	.....	.....	.844	.....	.....
30	J. E. Clapp..	Buffalo.....	.265	.296	.286	.790	.882	.860
31	Houck.....	Boston.....	.264	.....	.....	.820	.....	.....
32	Caskins.....	Troy City.....	.259	.....	.....	.791	.....	.....
33	Purcell.....	Syracuse and Cin...	.258	.....	.....	.723	.....	.....
34	Barnes.....	Cincinnati.....	.256	.....	.....	.855	.....	.....
35	{ Hall.....	Troy City.....	.255	.....	.....	.841	.....	.....
	{ Nelson.....	Troy City.....	.255	.136	.....	.834	.....	.....

OFFICIAL AVERAGES OF LEAGUE PLAYERS—*Continued.*

Rank in 1879.	PLAYERS.	CLUBS IN 1879.	BATTING.			FIELDING.		
			1879.	1878.	1877.	1879.	1878.	1877.
			Percentage of base hits per times at bat.	Percentage of base hits per times at bat.	Percentage of base hits per times at bat.	Percentage of chances accepted.	Percentage of chances accepted.	Percentage of chances accepted.
36	{ Peters	Chicago .....	.254	.311	.299	.843	.857	.888
	{ Galvin	Buffalo .....	.254	....	....	.860	....	....
37	Ferguson	Troy City.....	.252	.334	.238	.807	.881	.867
38	{ Remsen.....	Chicago.....	.248	.233	.259	.896	.934	.902
	{ Sutton.....	Boston .....	.248	.226	.290	.863	.888	.800
39	Bradley.....	Troy City.....	.245	....	....	.809	....	....
40	Warner.....	Cleveland .....	.243	.243	....	.831	.906	....
41	Thos. Mansell	Troy City.....	.242	....	....	.735	....	....
42	Burdock.....	Boston .....	.240	.260	.240	.910	.917	.905
43	{ Carey.....	Cleveland .....	.238	.251	.251	.863	.866	.834
	{ Bond.....	Boston .....	.238	.211	.212	.934	.882	.870
44	Snyder.....	Boston .....	.234	.212	.228	.824	.841	.913
45	Riley	Troy City.....	.232	....	....	.805	....	....
46	Evans.....	Troy City.....	.230	....	....	.885	....	....
47	Hague.....	Providence .....	.227	.207	.243	.821	.918	.846
48	H. McCormick	Syracuse .....	.224	....	....	.817	....	....
49	Doscher.....	Troy City.....	.223	....	....	.802	....	....
50	{ Larkin.....	Chicago.....	.222	.289	.227	.861	.849	.691
	{ Burke.....	Cincinnati.....	.222	....	....	.786	....	....
51	Quest.....	Chicago.....	.220	.213	....	.926	.886	....
52	J. McCormick	Cleveland .....	.219	.143	....	.864	.800	....
53	{ Taylor.....	Troy City.....	.216	....	....	.764	....	....
	{ Creamer.....	Syracuse .....	.216	.212	....	.825	.839	....
54	{ Macullar	Syracuse .....	.213	....	....	.853	....	....
	{ W. B. Foley..	Cincinnati.....	.213	.271	.206	.786	.803	.849
55	{ Richmond.....	Syracuse .....	.211	....	....	.873	....	....
	{ M. R. Mansell	Syracuse .....	.211	....	....	.880	....	....
56	{ Force.....	Buffalo .....	.209	....	....	.926	....	....
	{ Glasscock....	Cleveland .....	.209	....	....	.908	....	....
57	Eggler.....	Buffalo.....	.208	....	....	.918	....	....
58	Hawks.....	Troy City.....	.206	....	....	.894	....	....
59	Holbert.....	Syracuse .....	.203	.184	....	.776	.818	....
60	Carpenter....	Syracuse .....	.201	....	....	.845	....	....
61	{ Matthews ...	Providence .....	.200	....	....	.875	....	....
	{ Hawes.....	Boston .....	.200	....	....	.827	....	....
62	Gerhardt ...	Cincinnati.....	.199	.303	.290	.819	.906	.874
63	Hankinson...	Chicago.....	.183	.268	....	.918	.876	....
64	McGunigle ..	Buffalo.....	.180	....	....	.928	....	....
65	Strief.....	Cleveland .....	.174	....	....	.869	....	....
66	Gilligan.....	Cleveland .....	.170	....	....	.777	....	....
67	Allen.....	Syr. and Cleveland..	.165	....	....	.775	....	....
68	Woodhead....	Syracuse .....	.164	....	....	.792	....	....
69	Mitchell.....	Cleveland .....	.146	.250	....	.716	....	....
70	Riley.....	Cleveland.....	.142	....	....	.850	....	....
71	W. H. White.	Cincinnati.....	.137	.140	....	.834	....	....
72	Shoup.....	Troy City.....	.97	....	....	....	....	....
73	Salisbury....	Troy City.....	.55	....	....	.808	....	....

AVERAGES OF NON-LEAGUE PLAYERS FOR 1879.

Rank.	PLAYERS.	CLUBS.	Number of Games Played.	Percent'ge of Base Hits to times at Bat.	Percent'ge of Fielding Chances Accepted to Chances Offered.
1	White.....	Brown University.....	9	.488	.965
2	Sullivan.....	Dubuque.....	47	.477	.937
3	Moynahan.....	Davenport.....	16	.470	.922
4	Joe. Farrell.....	Flyaway.....	12	.440	.903
5	Meador.....	Brown University.....	10	.434	.909
6	Hovey.....	Brown University.....	12	.431	.684
7	Hayes.....	Brown Stockings (Denv)	5	.416	.940
8	Little.....	Brown Stockings (Denv)	5	.407	.700
9	Gross.....	Detroit.....	28	.404	.913
10	Funkhouser.....	Deseret.....	18	.402	.959
11	Nolan.....	Knickerbockers (S. F.)..	24	.399	.972
12	McKelvy.....	Deseret.....	24	.398	.869
13	J. C. Rowe.....	Rockford.....	26	.396	.940
14	Lamb.....	Yale University.....	24	.390	.863
15	Radbourn.....	Dubuque.....	47	.387	.916
16	Wood.....	Worcester.....	66	.382	.844
17	Stroud.....	Knickerbockers.....	14	.380	.833
18	Powell.....	Holyoke.....	91	.371	.928
19	McCaffrey.....	Davenport.....	17	.368	.963
20	Connor.....	Holyoke.....	94	.367	.815
21	Hayes.....	Davenport.....	13	.364	.962
22	Watson.....	Yale University.....	13	.361	.875
23	Kurtz.....	Green Stockings.....	12	.357	.855
24	Dee.....	Dreadnaughts.....	4	.357	.500
25	McLaughlin.....	Brockton.....	43	.354	.849
26	Gillespie.....	Holyoke.....	80	.352	.857
27	Stoughton.....	Brockton.....	31	.350	.845
28	Perry.....	Dartmouth College.....	10	.350	.625
29	Sweeny.....	California.....	17	.349	.910
30	Richmond.....	Worcester.....	71	.346	.907
31	J. Gleason.....	Dubuque.....	43	.344	.795
32	Farrar.....	Stoneham.....	36	.343	.944
33	Corpstein.....	Athletic (S. F.).....	13	.343	.797
34	Fox.....	Dreadnaughts.....	9	.343	.633
35	Doyle.....	Kalamazoo.....	18	.342	.979
36	Lavin.....	Flyaway.....	23	.337	.971
37	Harrigan.....	Kalamazoo.....	18	.336	.933
38	Fair.....	Brockton.....	51	.230	.851
39	Knight.....	Worcester.....	122	.319	.847
40	Kemmler.....	Davenport.....	17	.328	.832
41	Parker.....	Yale University.....	24	.327	.842
42	Wright.....	Harvard.....	16	.323	.952
43	Taylor.....	Brown Stockings (Denv)	5	.321	.913
44	McSorley.....	Detroit.....	29	.321	.858
45	Hayes.....	Brockton.....	53	.321	.815
46	Hunt.....	Brown Stockings (Denv)	5	.320	1.000
47	Cullen.....	Athletic (S. F.).....	10	.320	.842
48	Wheeler.....	Deseret.....	24	.320	.826
49	Blake.....	Brown Stockings (Denv)	5	.320	.740

AVERAGES OF NON-LEAGUE PLAYERS FOR 1879—*Continued.*

Rank.	PLAYERS.	CLUBS.	Number of Games Played.	Percentage of Base Hits to times a Bat.	Percentage of Fielding Chances Accepted to Chances Offered.
50	Swartwood	Detroit	29	.318	.844
51	Libby	Detroit	23	.317	.959
52	Annis	Stoneham	39	.317	.914
53	Hungerford	Kalamazoo	18	.316	.936
54	Winslow	Brown University	11	.316	.863
55	Creamer	Rockford	26	.314	.896
56	Knowles	Brockton	60	.313	.896
57	Boyle	Athletic (S. F.)	17	.313	.762
58	W. Gleason	Dubuque	47	.312	.826
59	McClellan	National	49	.311	.849
60	Purroy	Flyaway	27	.311	.820
61	Creamer	Worcester	11	.309	.938
62	Dolan	Flyaway	23	.309	.873
63	Jones	Deseret	16	.309	.600
64	Meyerle	National	41	.308	.950
65	Loftus	Dubuque	47	.308	.880
66	Otero	Brown Stockings (D.)	5	.307	.833
67	Duke	Deseret	16	.306	.839
68	Towart	Flyaway	26	.305	.855
69	Meagher	Brown Stockings (D.)	5	.304	.654
70	Hutchison	Yale University	24	.308	.844
71	Furlong	Dreadnaught	8	.303	.690
72	Dorgan	Holyoke	80	.301	.776
73	Camp	Yale University	22	.300	.892
74	Mack	Utica	43	.300	.881
75	Holden	Stoneham	11	.297	.636
76	Donovan	Brockton	46	.296	.954
77	Ellick	National	45	.295	.754
78	Coon	Rockford	26	.293	.933
79	Goodman	Rockford	26	.291	.947
80	Golden	Rockford	26	.291	.928
81	Dilts	Brown University	12	.291	.913
82	Irwin	Worcester	85	.291	.849
83	Winchester	Holyoke	90	.290	.846
84	Baker	National	49	.288	.890
85	Golding	Deseret	22	.288	.848
86	Benjet	Worcester	115	.287	.839
87	Powers	Dreadnaught	5	.286	1.000
88	Reed	Deseret	19	.285	.757
89	Reis	Dubuque	44	.284	.950
90	Sullivan	Worcester	111	.283	.976
91	McGuinness	Utica	31	.283	.953
92	Gilkey	Kalamazoo	9	.283	.833
93	Latham	Stoneham	37	.283	.811
94	Welch	Holyoke	89	.282	.818
95	Ripley	Yale University	24	.282	.790
96	Jas. Farrell	Flyaway	24	.280	.859
97	Willigrod	Knickerbocker	6	.280	.833
98	Purrinton	Brockton	52	.280	.804

AVERAGES OF NON-LEAGUE PLAYERS—*Continued.*

Rank.	PLAYERS.	CLUBS.	Number of Games Played.	Percentage of Base Hits to times at Bat.	Percentage of Fielding Chances Accepted to Chances Offered.
99	Bess.....	Deseret.....	13	.280	.698
100	Rice.....	California.....	13	.279	.910
101	Quinn.....	Brockton.....	37	.278	.856
102	Barr.....	Green Stockings.....	10	.278	.800
103	Welch.....	Stoneham.....	41	.277	.944
104	Nickerson.....	Stoneham.....	15	.276	.933
105	Remsen.....	Utica.....	37	.274	.954
106	Smith.....	Knickerbockers.....	26	.273	.945
107	Kelley.....	Davenport.....	10	.273	.894
108	Greene.....	Brown University.....	12	.271	.857
109	Tierney.....	National.....	13	.271	.828
110	Hack.....	Knickerbockers.....	22	.270	.833
111	Bushong.....	Worcester.....	97	.269	.802
112	Forrest.....	Dreadnaughts.....	13	.269	.721
113	Smith.....	Flyaway.....	15	.268	.875
114	Griffin.....	Rockford.....	3	.266	1.000
115	Whitney.....	Worcester.....	113	.266	.845
116	Shaughnessy.....	Detroit.....	29	.266	.807
117	Raleigh.....	Flyaway.....	28	.265	.970
118	D. E. Rowe.....	Rockford.....	26	.265	.943
119	Barclay.....	Detroit.....	26	.265	.885
120	Bresnahan.....	Stoneham.....	22	.265	.862
121	Shaunessy.....	Brockton.....	60	.265	.799
122	White.....	Stoneham.....	15	.264	.769
123	Kennedy.....	Utica.....	43	.260	.912
124	Nicol.....	Rockford.....	26	.250	.781
125	Derby.....	National.....	48	.258	.905
126	Thompson.....	Flyaway.....	17	.258	.758
127	O'Brien.....	California.....	17	.257	.833
128	McPhee.....	Davenport.....	17	.257	.858
129	Dorsey.....	Rockford.....	23	.257	.781
130	Wareham.....	Flyaway.....	27	.256	.909
131	Day.....	Kalamazoo.....	18	.255	.137
132	Tyng.....	Harvard.....	17	.253	.891
133	Brady.....	Worcester.....	118	.251	.866
134	McCaffrey.....	Brown Stockings (Denv)	5	.250	.888
135	Redmond.....	Rockford.....	26	.250	.841
136	Dinnen.....	Utica.....	34	.250	.839
137	Parks.....	Green Stockings.....	11	.250	.825
138	Clark.....	Yale University.....	21	.250	.795
139	Lynch.....	National.....	47	.245	.955
140	Nichols.....	Worcester.....	72	.245	.856
141	O'Neil.....	Flyaway.....	14	.245	.833
142	Blakiston.....	California.....	17	.243	.750
143	Ladd.....	Brown University.....	12	.242	.854
144	Coolidge.....	Harvard.....	26	.241	.909
145	Alveretta.....	Dubuque.....	40	.241	.820
146	McDonald.....	Athletic.....	6	.241	.649
147	Peak.....	Green Stockings.....	12	.240	.83

AVERAGES OF NON-LEAGUE PLAYERS—*Continued.*

Rank.	PLAYERS.	CLUB.	Number of Games Played.	Percentage of Base Hits to times at Bat.	Percent'ge of Field- ing Chances Ac- cepted to Chances Offered.
148	Blong.....	Davenport.....	12	.240	.812
149	Angus.....	Knickerbockers.....	17	.239	.666
150	Corpstein.....	Knickerbockers.....	12	.238	.681
151	Lapham.....	Dubuque.....	44	.235	.960
152	Comiskey.....	Dubuque.....	45	.235	.824
153	Hopkins.....	Yale University.....	23	.231	.952
154	Roche.....	Utica.....	28	.231	.714
155	Richmond.....	Brown University.....	12	.230	.939
156	Bliss.....	Kalamazoo.....	7	.230	.938
157	French.....	California.....	16	.229	.945
158	Burkalow.....	Detroit.....	29	.229	.871
159	J. Sullivan.....	Holyoke.....	39	.227	.792
160	Boleyn.....	Dreadnaughts.....	15	.226	.838
161	Booth.....	National.....	43	.226	.837
162	Deacon.....	Green Stockings.....	12	.225	.905
163	Hollingshead.....	National.....	22	.225	.800
164	Battin.....	Utica.....	43	.214	.871
165	Haley.....	Dreadnaughts.....	12	.222	.873
166	Selig.....	Dreadnaughts.....	5	.222	.778
167	Winsor.....	Harvard.....	24	.217	.802
168	Rundlett.....	Dartmouth College.....	10	.214	.915
169	Rocketrok.....	Green Stockings.....	7	.214	.428
170	Barrie.....	Knickerbockers.....	20	.211	.905
171	Thayer.....	Dartmouth College.....	10	.210	.921
172	Cohen.....	Harvard.....	24	.209	.781
173	Morton.....	Detroit.....	29	.207	.817
174	Partridge.....	Dartmouth College.....	10	.204	.974
175	Glenn.....	National.....	13	.204	.818
176	Rose.....	Brown University.....	2	.200	1.000
177	Fountz.....	Brown Stockings (Denv)	5	.200	.876
178	Bohn.....	Davenport.....	14	.200	.848
179	O'Brien.....	Dreadnaughts.....	15	.200	.783
180	Moore.....	Kalamazoo.....	18	.200	.772
181	Ernst.....	Harvard.....	14	.197	.938
182	Bolander.....	California.....	15	.197	.636
183	Cram.....	Dartmouth College.....	10	.196	.858
184	Johnson.....	Green Stockings.....	12	.196	.839
185	Turbidy.....	Holyoke.....	91	.195	.880
186	Sitts.....	Dreadnaughts.....	14	.194	.864
187	Snow.....	Deseret.....	9	.194	.846
188	Alcott.....	Utica.....	25	.193	.781
189	Keefe.....	Utica.....	13	.191	.675
190	Croft.....	Davenport.....	14	.190	.832
191	McDonald.....	Davenport.....	14	.190	.740
192	Schenck.....	Utica.....	20	.187	.898
193	Ripley.....	Dartmouth College.....	10	.186	.611
194	Ressequeye.....	Kalamazoo.....	18	.184	.828
195	Magendie.....	California.....	15	.183	.813
196	Trott.....	National.....	49	.182	.809

AVERAGES OF NON-LEAGUE PLAYERS FOR 1879—*Continued.*

Rank.	PLAYERS.	CLUBS.	Number of Games Played.	Percentage of Base Hits to Times at Bat.	Per cent of Field- ing Chances Ac- cept'd to Chances Offered.
197	Williams.....	Athletic.....	18	.182	.800
198	Bacon.....	Green Stockings.....	12	.182	.421
199	Waldron.....	Yale University.....	24	.181	.815
200	W. Sullivan.....	Holyokes.....	75	.180	.887
201	Dwyer.....	Stoneham.....	16	.180	.800
202	Barlow.....	Deseret.....	9	.175	.522
203	Olson.....	Dreadnaughts.....	11	.174	.941
204	Daniels.....	Athletic.....	15	.174	.857
205	Salisbury.....	Detroit.....	28	.171	.962
206	Symonds.....	Stoneham.....	21	.170	.714
207	Proctor.....	Dartmouth College.....	10	.170	.705
208	Brown.....	Dreadnaughts.....	13	.167	.904
209	Dolan.....	Knickerbockers.....	6	.166	.906
210	Dolan.....	Utica.....	35	.163	.857
211	Corcoran.....	Stoneham.....	24	.161	.793
212	Norton.....	Dreadnaughts.....	8	.160	.400
213	Dailey.....	Utica.....	27	.159	.904
214	Matthewson.....	Dartmouth College.....	10	.155	.833
215	Sucliffe.....	Dartmouth College.....	10	.155	.807
216	Graham.....	California.....	14	.154	.902
217	H. Smith.....	Knickerbockers.....	14	.152	.800
218	Munn.....	Harvard.....	23	.151	.853
219	Waterman.....	Brown University.....	11	.151	.733
220	L. McKelvy.....	Deseret.....	11	.151	.623
221	H. Boyle.....	Athletic.....	11	.146	.765
222	Olmsted.....	Harvard.....	25	.141	.873
223	Alger.....	Harvard.....	12	.136	.851
224	Reece.....	Kalamazoo.....	12	.136	.632
225	Batten.....	National.....	8	.133	.800
226	Keating.....	Athletic (S. F.).....	16	.132	.811
227	Snyder.....	Kalamazoo.....	18	.131	.780
228	Holden.....	Harvard.....	10	.119	.900
229	Smith.....	California.....	4	.118	1.000
230	Crawford.....	Athletic (S. F.).....	12	.096	.860
231	Whaylon.....	Kalamazoo.....	8	.091	.571
232	Bailey.....	Knickerbockers.....	7	.034	.666

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
NATIONAL LEAGUE
OF
PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS.
1880.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This Association shall be called "THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS."

ARTICLE II.

OBJECTS.

The objects of this League are:

1st. To encourage, foster and elevate the game of base ball; to enact and enforce proper rules for the exhibition and conduct of the game, and to make base ball playing respectable and honorable.

2d. To protect and promote the mutual interests of professional base ball clubs and professional base ball players; and

3d. To establish and regulate the base ball championship of the United States.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

This League shall consist of the following named professional base ball clubs, namely:

Boston B. B. Association, of Boston, Mass.

Buffalo B. B. Association, of Buffalo, N. Y.

Chicago Ball Club, of Chicago, Ill.

Cincinnati B. B. Association, of Cincinnati, O.

Cleveland B. B. Club, of Cleveland, O.

Providence B. B. Association, of Providence, R. I.

Troy B. B. Association, of Troy, N. Y.

Worcester B. B. Club, of Worcester, Mass.

And such other professional base ball clubs as may from time to time be elected to membership under the following rules, namely :

1. No club shall be admitted from either of the cities above named other than the clubs mentioned, except in the event that either of such clubs shall lose its membership, and in no event shall there be more than one club from any city.

2. No club shall be admitted from any city whose population is less than seventy-five thousand (75,000), except by unanimous vote of the League.

3. No club shall be admitted unless it shall first have delivered to the Secretary of the League, at least five days before the annual meeting, a written application for membership, signed by its President and Secretary, accompanied by documents showing that such club bears the name of the city in which it is located, and that it is regularly organized and officered, and, where the State law permits it, chartered. Such application shall at once be transmitted by the Secretary to the President of the League, who shall forthwith refer it to a committee of three members of the Board of Directors, appointed by him, who shall immediately investigate and report upon said application;

said report to be communicated to the League through the Secretary.

4. The voting upon an application for membership shall be by white and black balls. Two black balls shall be sufficient to exclude the applicant, and no club shall be required, under any circumstances, to state how it voted upon such application. Such election shall take place at the annual meeting of the League: *Provided*, That should any eligible club desire to join the League after the adjournment of the annual meeting and before March 1st following, it may make application in writing to the Secretary of the League, who shall at once communicate such application, together with any facts in his possession concerning such applicant, to the President of the League, who shall refer it to a special committee of the Board, as provided in section three of this article; and upon receipt by the Secretary of the report of said committee, he shall transmit such application and report to all League clubs, each of whom shall within ten days, transmit one written ballot, for or against the admission of such applicant, to the Secretary, and if two adverse ballots be not cast, then the Secretary shall, upon receipt of the annual dues, notify such club of its election.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. At its annual meeting, the League shall elect a President by ballot. The President shall be *ex officio* chairman of the Board of Directors. He shall preside at all meetings of the League, and shall call special meetings of the League when he may deem it necessary, or when thereto requested by half of the clubs of the League.

SEC. 2. The affairs of this League shall be conducted and controlled by five Directors, who shall constitute "The Board," and who shall consist of the

President and four members, to be chosen at the annual meeting in the following manner: The name of each club, except that of which the President is a member, shall be plainly written upon a card, in full view of the delegates present, by the Secretary; the cards to be of the same size, shape, color and material. The cards shall then be placed in some suitable receptacle and well shaken together; thereupon four of these cards shall be drawn successively, and at random, and one delegate from each of the four clubs whose names are so drawn, shall, with the President, compose the Board, and if any club whose name is thus drawn be represented by two delegates, such delegation shall name one of its number to be a member of the Board.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

SEC. 3. The Board shall also elect a gentleman of intelligence, honesty and good repute, who is versed in base ball matters, but who is not, in any manner, connected with the press, and who is not a member of any professional base ball club, either in or out of the League, to be the Secretary of the Board and of the League.

TREASURER'S DUTIES.

The Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the League, and as such shall be the custodian of all the funds of the League, receive all dues, fees and assessments, make such payments as may be ordered by the Board, or by vote of the League, and render annually a report of his accounts.

SECRETARY'S DUTIES.

He shall have the custody and care of the official records and papers of the League; shall keep a true record of all meetings of the League and the Board; shall issue all official notices and attend to the necessary correspondence; he shall prepare and furnish such reports as may be called for by the Board, and shall be entitled to such books, stationery, blanks and materials as the actual duties of his office may require.

SALARY AND GUARATNEE.

He shall receive such salary as the League, by vote, shall determine, and shall be reimbursed for all traveling expenses actually incurred by him in the service of the League; and the Board may exact from him such guarantees for the faithful performance of his duties as they may deem for the interest and safety of the League. At the expiration of his term of office, he shall account for and deliver up to the Board all the property and papers which may have come into his hands by virtue of his office.

VACANCY IN THE BOARD.

SEC. 4. In case of a vacancy in the Board by reason of the death, resignation, absence, or disqualification of any Director, the club of which he was a member at the time he was chosen shall designate his successor, and at once notify the Secretary. But if such vacancy is caused by the withdrawal, disbanding or disqualification of a club represented on the Board, the Board may fill the vacancy by election in the same manner as provided for the election of Directors in Article IV, Section 1, of this Constitution.

DIRECTORS' QUALIFICATIONS.

No person shall be qualified to act as a Director who is not an actual member of the club he represents; nor shall any club, under any circumstances, be represented by more than one person on the Board.

BOARD'S DUTIES.

SEC. 5. The Board shall have the general supervision and management of all the affairs and business of the League, and shall be individually answerable to the League for the faithful discharge of their trust.

ANNUAL MEETING OF BOARD, AND REPORT.

The Board shall meet annually on the evening of the first Tuesday in December, at the place where the annual meeting of the League is to be held, but may hold special meetings whenever urgent necessity may

require. They shall prepare a detailed report of all their doings, and present the same, in writing, to the League, at its annual meeting, which report shall, if accepted, be filed with the Secretary, together with all official papers, documents and property which may have come into their possession by virtue of their office.

PENALTY.

Any Director who shall disclose or publish any of the proceedings of the Board, except officially through the report of the Board, or when called upon by vote of the League, shall forfeit his office.

ARTICLE V.

CLUBS.

SECTION 1. Each club belonging to this League shall have the right to regulate its own affairs, to make its own contracts, to establish its own rules, and to discipline, punish, suspend, or expel its own players; and these powers shall not be limited to cases of dishonest play or open insubordination, but shall include all questions of carelessness, indifference, or other conduct of the player that may be regarded by the club as prejudicial to its interests: *Provided*, That nothing shall be done in violation of, or contrary to, this Constitution or the Playing Rules.

EMPLOYMENT OF EXPELLED PLAYERS FORBIDDEN.

SEC. 2. No club shall employ as manager, scorer, or player, any person who has willfully violated any provision of this Constitution or of the Playing Rules, or who has been expelled from any club belonging to this League, or who shall be disqualified from playing with a club under any provision of this Constitution; and any club which shall employ or play, or attempt to play, in its nine, a player disqualified by any provision of this Constitution, shall at once forfeit its membership in the League, and all other clubs must and shall, under the penalty of the forfeiture of their

membership in the League, abstain from playing any such club until it shall have been reinstated or re-elected to membership.

SEC. 3. Any club having agreed to play a championship game with another club upon a day certain, and refusing or failing to meet its engagement, shall (unless the failure be caused by an unavoidable accident in traveling, or the game be prevented by rain, or postponed with the consent, in writing, of the other clubs), at once forfeit its membership in the League, and all other League clubs must and shall, under penalty of the forfeiture of their membership in the League, abstain from playing any such club until it shall have been reinstated or re-elected to membership.

SEC. 4. In any case subject to the provisions of Sections 2 or 3 of this Article, the club not in default shall at once notify the Secretary of the League, by writing or telegraph, of the default of the other club, stating the particulars of such default, and upon the receipt of such notice the Secretary shall at once notify all League clubs, and the club in default, of the forfeiture of membership of such club, stating in such notice the nature of the default, and referring to the Section of this Article under which such forfeiture of membership was incurred.

SEC. 5. Any player, under contract with a League club, who shall, without the written consent of such club, leave its service, or who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring, or attempting to lose any game of ball, or of being interested in any pool or wager thereon, shall be at once expelled by such club.

SEC. 6. Any player, under contract with a League club, who shall be guilty of drunkenness or insubordination, or of any dishonorable or disreputable conduct, may be suspended by such club for the remainder of the playing season, or for the remainder of that and all of the ensuing playing season, at the option of such

club; and, during the period of said suspension, such player shall be disqualified from playing in or against any League club.

SEC. 7. If any club shall take part in any game of ball on Sunday, or if it shall fail to immediately expel any man under contract with it for taking part in such game as player, umpire or scorer, then, and in either of these cases, the club shall forfeit its membership in the League, and the Board shall, after calling for and considering the defense of the club, if any be furnished within ten days after being called for by the Chairman of the Board, direct the Secretary, and he shall at once notify all League clubs of the forfeiture of membership of any club convicted of such offense; and all other League clubs must and shall, under penalty of the forfeiture of their membership in the League, abstain from playing any such club (after the receipt of such notice,) until it shall have been reinstated or re-elected to membership.

SEC. 8. Every club member of this League shall have exclusive control of the city in which it is located, and of the territory surrounding such city to the extent of four miles in every direction from its corporate limits, and no visiting League club shall, under any circumstances—not even with the consent of the local League club, until all League championship games on that ground shall have been finished—be allowed to play any club in such territory other than the League club therein located.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 9. The players and managers employed by the clubs belonging to this League shall be considered and treated as members hereof to the extent of being always amenable to the provisions of this Constitution, and entitled to all its privileges in matters of dispute, grievance or discipline, as provided in this Constitution.

SEC. 10. No game of ball shall be played between a League club and any other club employing or pre-

senting in its nine a player expelled, or under suspension, from the League. Nor shall any League club play any club that has, at any time during the same playing season, played a game of ball with any other club employing or presenting in its nine any player expelled or suspended from the League: *Provided*, That in case the club employing such expelled or suspended League player shall discharge such player from its service, League clubs may thereafter play against such club, and against other clubs that may have played such club while employing such player.

ARTICLE VI.

DUES AND ASSESSMENTS.

SECTION 1. Every club shall pay to the Secretary of the League, on or before the first day of May of each year, the sum of One Hundred Dollars as annual dues, and any club failing to pay said sum by such time shall thereby forfeit its membership in the League, and the Secretary of the League shall notify all League clubs of such forfeiture of membership, by telegraph, on said first day of May, and all other League clubs must and shall, under penalty of the forfeiture of their membership in the League, abstain from playing any such club until it shall have been reinstated or re-elected to membership.

ARTICLE VII.

FORFEITING MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of any club belonging to this League shall be forfeited under the following circumstances, namely:

- 1st. By voluntary withdrawal or disbandment.
- 2d. By failing or refusing to comply with any lawful requirement or order of the Board.
- 3d. By willfully violating any provision of this Constitution, or the Playing Rules adopted hereunder: *Provided*, That in all cases where this Constitution

does not specifically inflict immediate forfeiture of membership, such forfeiture shall be subject to a two-thirds vote of the League at its annual meeting, and no club which has forfeited its membership shall be readmitted except by unanimous vote of the League.

ARTICLE VIII.

DISPUTES AND COMPLAINTS.

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors shall at once consider any complaint preferred by a club against a player of another club for conduct in violation of any provision of this Constitution or prejudicial to the good repute of the game of base ball, and shall have power to require the club to which such player may belong to discipline him, and, upon repetition of such offense, to expel him: *Provided*, That such complaint be preferred in writing, giving such particulars as may enable the Board to ascertain all the facts, and be transmitted to the Secretary, by whom it shall at once be referred to the Board.

DISPUTES BETWEEN CLUBS INVOLVING CONSTRUCTION OF THIS CONSTITUTION.

SEC. 2. The Board shall be the sole tribunal to determine disputes between two or more clubs which involve the interpretation or construction of this Constitution, or any of its Articles, and facts in controversy. When such a dispute arises, and either club shall signify to the other its desire for the Board to decide the matter, each club shall furnish to the Secretary, as soon as possible, a written statement of its side of the dispute, with the names of its witnesses, or an agreed statement of facts, if possible, which the Secretary shall docket in the order of its reception, and at the next annual meeting the clubs shall present themselves before the Board with their testimony, and the Board shall proceed to try the case impartially and render a true verdict. The Board shall have a right to put the witnesses under oath, and must do so if de-

manded thereto by either party. No Director shall sit on the trial of a cause in which his club is interested, but must retire and permit the others alone to determine the matter. The finding of the Board, in such a case, shall be *final*, and under no circumstances shall be reconsidered, reopened or inquired into, either by the League or any subsequent Board: *Provided*, That in case the matter in dispute shall involve the forfeiture of membership of a League club during the playing season, the Board shall, if appealed to by such club through the Secretary of the League, forthwith determine the matter, but, in such case, the members of the Board shall (unless the ends of justice may seem to them to require a meeting) determine such question by conference with each other by written correspondence.

PLAYER'S APPEAL FROM HIS CLUB.

SEC. 3. The Board shall also be the sole tribunal for the hearing of an appeal made by any player who shall have been expelled or suspended by his club, or for an alleged breach of contract. The matter shall be proceeded with in the following manner: The player shall file with the Secretary a written statement of his defense, accompanied by a request that an appeal be allowed him. The Secretary shall notify the club of the request for appeal, accompanying such notice with a copy of the player's statement, and at the next annual meeting the club and the player shall appear before the Board with their testimony. The Board shall impartially hear the matter and render their decision, which shall be *final* and forever binding on both club and player. In the event the club appealed from is represented in the Board, that representative shall not be allowed to sit in the matter.

EXPENSES.

SEC. 4. The expense of all trials and arbitrations shall be equally borne by the parties litigant.

ARTICLE IX.

ANNUAL MEETING.

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the League shall be held on the first Wednesday after the first Tuesday in December of each year, at twelve o'clock noon, and at such place as shall be determined by vote at the previous annual meeting. The annual meeting shall not be held in any city where a club member of the League is located, but shall be held in some easily accessible place, and, as near as may be, equidistant from the several club members.

SEC. 2. At such meeting each club shall be entitled to two representatives; but no club shall be permitted to send as a representative any person under contract or engagement with it as a ball player and belonging to the nine of such club in said capacity; they shall present a certificate from the President or Secretary of their club, showing their authority to act; but no club shall have more than one vote.

QUORUM.

A representation of a majority of clubs shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is obtained.

SEC. 3. The following shall be the order of business.

1. Reading minutes of last meeting.
2. Report of Board of Directors.
3. Election of new members.
4. Amendment of Constitution.
5. Amendment of Playing Rules.
6. Election of Officers.
7. Miscellaneous business.
8. Adjournment.

ARTICLE X.

PLAYING RULES.

The League at its first meeting shall adopt a code of Playing Rules, which may be altered, amended or abolished at any subsequent annual meeting.

ARTICLE XI.

CONTRACTS.

SECTION 1. Contracts hereafter made between the clubs, members of this League, and their players, shall be made under and in view of the following provisions:

CONTRACTS MAY BE MADE AT ANY TIME.

No club shall be prevented from contracting with a player for the reason that he is already under contract with another club: *Provided*, The services to be rendered under the second contract is not to begin until the expiration of the first contract.

The contract must be executed in the form adopted by the League, and the Secretary of the League shall, upon application, furnish each League club a suitable supply of the printed forms of contract adopted by the League.

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE REQUIRED.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of a club as soon as it shall have entered into a contract with a player, to transmit said contract to the Secretary of the League. If the Secretary shall find the contract to be in the form adopted by the League, he shall endorse upon it his certificate to that effect, together with the date of its receipt by him, and at once return it to the contracting club.

The Secretary shall also enter upon his records the names of the contracting club and player, and immediately notify all other League clubs of such contract. In no case shall the Secretary give such certificate or give notice of such contract unless it comply, in all

respects, with the form of contract adopted by the League, and no contract shall be regarded as valid or binding until it bears the Secretary's certificate as herein provided.

SUSPENSION, EXPULSION OR RELEASE.

SEC. 3. Whenever a club releases a player from his contract, or suspends or expels him, that club shall at once notify the Secretary of the League in writing, stating, in case of suspension or expulsion, the cause thereof, and the Secretary shall forthwith notify all other clubs.

A player who has been released from his contract without suspension or expulsion, may engage with any other club twenty days from the date of the reception by the Secretary of the notice of such release.

No player who has been suspended or expelled from a League club shall, at any time thereafter, be allowed to play with any League club (either the one expelling him or any other), unless the term of suspension has expired, or upon his appeal to the Board such suspension or expulsion shall have been set aside.

SEC. 4. A player whose contract has expired or become void by reason of his club's disbanding, withdrawing from or losing its membership in the League, may engage for the remainder of the season with any other League club.

ARTICLE XII.

CHAMPIONSHIP.

SECTION 1. The *Championship of the United States*, established by this League, shall be contended for (by the clubs composing this League) under the following rules, namely:

The *championship season* shall extend from the 1st day of May to (and including) the 1st day of October, and no game shall count in the championship series unless played during the championship season.

No game played on Sunday shall count in the championship series.

SEC. 2. Every game played between two clubs from the commencement of the championship season to the completion of the championship series, between such clubs, shall be a game for the championship (unless played on Sunday), and no League club shall lend or exchange players, to or with each other, for any game played during the championship season.

NUMBER OF GAMES TO BE PLAYED—POSTPONED OR
TIE GAMES.

SEC. 3. Each club shall play the following number of games with every other club: If six clubs be members of the League on the first day of the championship season, sixteen games; if eight clubs, twelve games; if ten clubs, ten games; *Provided*, however, that if any game be prevented by rain, or if a tie or drawn game be played, the visiting club shall play off such tie or drawn game, or game prevented by rain, on the first succeeding day (not counting Sundays, days previously agreed upon for championship games between said clubs, or days when rain renders playing impossible), unless such succeeding day must necessarily be occupied by such visiting club intraveling to another city to play a championship game with another League club upon a day previously agreed upon; in which latter case, only the visiting club shall not be required to extend its stay, or to again visit such city for the sole purpose of playing off such tie or drawn game, or game prevented by rain.

SEC. 4. Each club shall be entitled to have half of the championship series of games with every other club played on its own grounds, and in all the details of such games that do not involve the rights of the visiting club, under the Playing Rules, but relate solely to such games as attractive exhibitions to the patrons of the home club, the visiting club shall defer to the wishes of the home club.

SEC. 5. All games shall be arranged for in writing, and so as to complete the championship series before the expiration of the championship season. Each agreement to play shall provide for an equal number of return games, and specify dates for each game covered by the agreement, which dates shall subsequently be changed only as provided in Sec. 3 of this Article, or by the written consent of all parties to such agreement.

SEC. 6. No game shall be played between League clubs before the commencement of the championship series. No game shall be played between any League club and any Non-League club or picked nine, upon the grounds of any League club, from the commencement to the completion of the championship series upon such grounds; no game shall be arranged or played between any League and Non-League clubs or picked nines for or upon any "off days" of the championship series, except as above provided, and upon the following express conditions:

1st. If a League championship game be prevented by rain or unavoidable accident on the day (not counting Sunday) preceding the day agreed upon for such Non-League or picked nine game, then the latter shall be declared off, so as to allow the League clubs to play the championship game on that day.

2d. All such games shall be played under the Playing Rules of the League, with a League ball to be furnished by the League club.

FORFEITED GAMES.

SEC. 7. A club shall be entitled to forfeited games—to count in its series as games won by a score of nine runs to none—in cases where the umpire in any championship game shall award the game to such club on account of the violation by the contesting club of any playing rule of this League.

SEC. 8. Drawn, tie and postponed games shall not count in the series in favor of either contestant, but

must be played off, if possible, as provided in Sec. 3 of this Article. If they cannot be played off as therein provided, they may subsequently be played off if sufficient time exist before the close of the season.

SEC. 9. The club which shall have won the greatest number of games in the championship series shall be declared the champion club of the United States for the season in which such games were played. In the event that two or more clubs shall have won the same number of games, then the club which shall have lost the smallest number shall be declared the champion.

The emblem of the championship shall be a pennant (of the national colors), to cost not less than one hundred dollars (\$100). It shall be inscribed with the motto, "Champion Base Ball Club of the United States," with the name of the club and the year in which the title was won; and the champion club shall be entitled to fly the pennant until the close of the ensuing season.

SEC. 10. The championship shall be decided in the following manner, namely:

Within twenty-four hours after every match game played for the championship, the home club shall prepare and forward to the Secretary of the League a statement containing the full score of the game, according to the system specified in the "Playing Rules," the date, place where played, and the names of the clubs and umpire: *Provided*, That no tie or drawn game shall be considered "a game" for any purpose, nor shall the score thereof be forwarded to the Secretary.

At the close of the season, the Secretary shall prepare a tabular statement of the games won and lost by each club, according to the statements so sent him (which statements shall be the sole evidence in the matter), and submit the same, with the statements so sent him, to the Board, who shall make the award in writing, and report the same to the League at its an-

nual meeting. In making the award the Board shall consider:

1st. The tabular statement of the Secretary.

2nd. Forfeited games.

3rd. Games participated in by clubs which have withdrawn, disbanded or forfeited their membership without completing their championship series with all other League clubs; such games shall be counted to the following extent, namely: The Board shall ascertain the least number of championship games played by such club with any club remaining in the League, and shall, from the first games participated in during the championship season, by such retired club, count in the series of each League club a similar number of games, and all other games participated in by such retired club shall not be counted in the championship series: *Provided*, That if such retired club shall have failed to play at least one championship game with every League club, all games participated in by it shall be thrown out entirely.

PRICE OF ADMISSION.

4th. The price of admission to championship games shall be fifty cents for each adult person.

ARTICLE XIII.

THE LEAGUE ALLIANCE.

SECTION 1. Clubs whose organization and conduct are not inconsistent with the objects of this League, as expressed in Article II of its Constitution, and who are also eligible under the provisions of this Article, and who shall have filed with the Secretary of the League an agreement duly executed in the following form, shall be recognized as constituting "The League Alliance."

FORM OF "LEAGUE ALLIANCE" AGREEMENT.

It is hereby Agreed by the Parties hereto, as follows:

1st. No club that is a party hereto shall employ or

play in its nine any player to whose services any other club that is a party hereto may be entitled by contract.

2d. Any player under contract with any club that is a party hereto, who shall, without the written consent of such club, leave its service, or fail to perform his contract, or who shall be proven guilty of disreputable conduct, shall be at once expelled by such club.

3d. No club that is a party hereto shall play any game of ball with any base ball club whatever that shall employ or present in its nine any player that shall have been expelled from any club that is a party hereto for breach of contract or disreputable conduct.

4th. Each club that is a party hereto shall, upon making a contract with a player, *immediately* notify the Secretary of the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs, such notice to be in writing, signed by the contracting club and the player, and, *in the absence of such notice to such officer, any player shall be deemed to be free from contract obligation.*

5th. Each club that is a party hereto shall, *upon expelling a player from membership, or releasing him from contract*, notify the Secretary of the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs, and in the absence of such notice to such officer, such player shall be deemed to be a member in good standing of the club whose notice of contract with such player had previously been transmitted to such officer, until the expiration of the term of such contract.

6th. The notices provided for in the two last preceding stipulations are required to be sent to the Secretary of the League, upon the understanding that such officer will, immediately upon their receipt, communicate the same to all League clubs, as well as to all clubs that are parties to this agreement; and in the event of a failure or refusal of such officer to perform such service, or his discontinuance thereof, then the parties hereto shall devise other means for the performance of such service.

7th. All games played by the clubs that are parties hereto shall be played in accordance with the Playing Rules of the National League.

8th. All disputes that may arise between the clubs that are parties hereto may be submitted to the Board of Directors of the National League for adjudication, in the manner provided for by Section IV, Article XIII, of its Constitution, and the finding of such tribunal shall be final and binding upon the clubs that are parties hereto.

9th. This agreement shall go into effect and be binding upon each club upon the date of its signature by such club.

10th. Each club that is a party hereto shall retain a copy of this agreement, and the original shall be deposited with the Secretary of the National League.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The clubs that are parties hereto have, by their duly authorized representative, signed this agreement on the dates entered opposite their respective signatures.

By

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The Secretary of the "National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs" is hereby authorized to attach the foregoing instrument, bearing our signature, to the original written agreement, of the said text, now in his custody, for the purpose of making the same a part and parcel of such original agreement, binding ourselves and all other clubs parties thereto.

By

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SEC. 2. Each League Alliance Club shall pay to the Secretary of the League, on or before the first day of May of each year, the sum of ten dollars, to pay for postage, correspondence, printing and other expenses, and any such club failing to pay said sum by such time shall thereby forfeit all the benefits of this

Article, and the Secretary shall at once notify all League and League Alliance Clubs of such forfeiture.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall issue to all League and League Alliance Clubs the notices provided for in the sixth clause of the League Alliance Agreement, and shall perform such other duties as may devolve upon him in furtherance of the provisions of said agreement.

SEC. 4. The Board shall, if thereunto requested by League Alliance Clubs, adjudicate disputes in the manner provided in Article VIII, so far as the provisions of that Article may be applicable thereto: *Provided*, That all communications must be addressed to the Secretary of the League.

SEC. 5. No League club shall employ or play in its nine any player to whose services any League Alliance Club is entitled by contract evidenced by written notice to the Secretary, signed by the contracting club and the player.

SEC. 6. The League shall, at its annual meeting, receive and consider any communication from a club or clubs of the League Alliance on matters effecting the interest of such club or clubs, and shall give a hearing to any delegation or delegations therefrom.

SEC. 7. The Secretary shall receive and place on file the score of any game played between two League Alliance Clubs that may be forwarded to him, bearing the certificate of the umpire of such game, and stating the names of each club, the number of runs made by each, and number of innings played, and at the close of the season, the Secretary shall prepare a tabular statement of such games, according to the statement so sent him (which statement shall be the sole evidence in the matter), and submit the same, with the statements so sent him, to the Board, who shall award the League Alliance Championship to the club which shall have won the greatest number of such games. The Board shall make the award in writing, and report the same to the League at its annual meeting,

and the League shall, thereupon, present such club with a suitable emblem of such championship.

SEC. 8. No club that has forfeited its membership in the League, or that is connected with any organization of clubs other than the League or League Alliance, or that presents in its nine any player expelled from the League or League Alliance, shall be entitled to the benefits of this Article, and the Secretary shall notify all League and League Alliance Clubs of any forfeiture of such benefits that may be incurred by the violation of any provision of this section.

ARTICLE XIV.

FIELD RULES.

Every club in this League shall be bound by the following Field Rules, and must have the same conspicuously posted or placarded upon its grounds, namely: No club shall allow open betting or pool selling upon its grounds, nor in any building owned or occupied by it. No person shall be allowed upon any part of the field during the progress of the game, in addition to *the nine players on each side and the umpire, except such officers of the law as may be present in uniform to preserve the peace.*

Players in uniform shall not be permitted to seat themselves among the spectators.

The umpire is the sole judge of play, and is entitled to the respect of the spectators, and any person hissing or hooting at, or offering any insult or indignity to him, must be promptly ejected from the grounds.

Every club shall furnish sufficient police force upon its own grounds to preserve order, and in the event of a crowd entering the field during the progress of a game, and interfering with the play in any manner, the visiting club may refuse to play further until the field be cleared; and if the ground be not cleared within fifteen minutes thereafter, the visiting club may claim, and shall be entitled, to the game by

a score of nine runs to none (no matter what number of innings have been played).

ARTICLE XV.

AMENDMENTS.

The Constitution or Playing Rules of this League may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the League at any annual meeting.

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PLAYING RULES
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CLASS I.

THE MATERIALS OF THE GAME.

Rule 1. The Ground must be an inclosed field, sufficient in size to enable each player to play in his position as required by these Rules.

Rule 2. The Infield must be a space of ground thirty yards square.

Rule 3. The Bases must be

(1) Four in number, and designated as First Base, Second Base, Third Base and Home Base.

(2) The Home Base must be of white marble or white stone, twelve inches square, so fixed in the ground as to be even with the surface, and so placed in a corner of the infield that two of its sides will form part of the boundaries of said infield.

(3) The First, Second and Third Bases must be canvas bags, fifteen inches square, painted white, and filled with some soft material, and so placed that the center of each shall be upon a separate corner of the infield, the First Base at the right, the Second Base opposite, and the Third Base at the left of the Home Base.

(4) All the Bases must be securely fastened in their positions, and so placed as to be distinctly seen by the Umpire.

Rule 4. The Foul Lines must be drawn in straight lines from the outer corner of the Home Base through the center of the positions of First and Third Bases, to the boundaries of the Ground.

Rule 5. The Pitcher's Lines must be straight lines forming the boundaries of a space of ground, in the infield, six feet long by four feet wide, distant forty-five feet from the center of the Home Base, and so placed that the six feet lines would each be two feet distant from and parallel with a straight line passing through the center of the Home and Second Bases. Each corner of this space must be marked by a flat iron plate or stone, six inches square, fixed in the ground even with the surface.

Rule 6. The Catcher's Lines must be drawn from the outer corner of the Home Base, in continuation of the Foul Lines, straight to the limits of the ground back of the Home Base.

Rule 7. The Captain's Lines must be drawn from the Catcher's Lines to the limits of the ground, fifteen feet from and parallel with the Foul Lines.

Rule 8. The Players' Lines must be drawn from the Catcher's Lines to the limits of the ground, fifty feet from and parallel with the Foul Lines.

Rule 9. The Batsman's Lines must be straight lines forming the boundaries of a space on the right, and of a similar space on the left of the Home Base, six feet long by three feet wide, extending three feet in front of and three feet behind the center of the Home Base, and with its nearest line distant one foot from the Home Base.

Rule 10. The lines designated in Rules 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 must be marked with chalk or other suitable material so as to be distinctly seen by the Umpire. They must all be so marked their entire length, except the Captain's and Players' Lines, which must be so marked for a distance of at least thirty-five yards from the Catcher's Lines.

Rule 11. The Ball

(1) Must weigh not less than five nor more than five and one-quarter ounces avoirdupois, and measure not less than nine nor more than nine and one-quarter inches in circumference. It must be composed of woolen yarn, and contain not more than one ounce of vulcanized rubber in mold form, and be covered with leather. It must be furnished by the Secretary of the League, whose seal shall be final evidence of the legality of the ball.

(2) In all games the ball or balls played with shall be furnished by the Home Club and become the property of the winning club.

(3) Should the ball become out of shape, or cut or ripped so as to expose the yarn, or in any way so injured as to be unfit for fair use, a new ball shall be called for by the Umpire at the end of an even innings.*

(4) Should the ball be lost during the game, the Umpire shall, at the expiration of five minutes, call for a new ball.

Rule 12. The Bat

(1) Must be made wholly of wood.

(2) It must be round; must not exceed two and one-half inches in diameter in the thickest part, and must not exceed forty-two inches in length.

CLASS II.

THE PLAYERS AND THEIR POSITIONS.

Rule 13. The Players of each club, in a match game, shall be nine in number, one of whom shall be the Captain.

Rule 14. The Players' Positions shall be

(1) When in the field (designated "Fielders" in these Rules) such as may be assigned them by their

*The "Spalding League Ball" having been adopted as the official ball, all match games played under the League rules, this ball and *none* other can be legally used.

Captain, **except** that the Pitcher must take his position within the Pitcher's Lines, as defined in Rule 5.

(2) When their side is at the bat they must remain outside the Players' Lines, as defined in Rule 8, **except** that the Captain and one assistant only may occupy the space between said Players' Lines and the Captain's Lines, as defined in Rule 7, to coach base runners, and

(3) The Batsmen must take their position within the Batsman's Lines, as defined in Rule 9, in the order in which they are directed by their Captain, and after each Batsman has had one time at bat, the batting order thus established shall not be changed during the game.

(4) No player of the side at bat, **except** when Batsman, shall occupy any portion of the space within the Catcher's Lines as defined in Rule 6.

CLASS III.

DEFINITIONS.

Rule 15. A High Ball is a ball legally delivered by the Pitcher, over the Home Base, higher than the belt of the Batsman, but not higher than his shoulder.

Rule 16. A Low Ball is a ball legally delivered by the Pitcher, over the Home Base, not higher than the Batsman's belt nor lower than his knee.

Rule 17. A High or Low Ball is a ball legally delivered by the Pitcher, over the Home Base, not higher than the Batsman's shoulder nor lower than his knee.

Rule 18. A Fair Ball is a ball delivered by the Pitcher, while wholly within the lines of his position and facing the Batsman, with his arm swinging nearly perpendicular by his side and his hand passing below his waist, and the ball passing over the Home Base at the height called for by the Batsman.

Rule 19. An Unfair Ball is a ball delivered by the Pitcher as in Rule 18, **except** that the ball does

not pass over the Home Base, or does not pass over the Home Base at the height called for by the Batsman.

Rule 20. A Balk is

(1) A motion made by the Pitcher to deliver the ball to the bat without delivering it, **except** the ball be accidentally dropped, or

(2) The ball be held by the Pitcher so long as to delay the game unnecessarily, or

(3) Delivered to the bat by the Pitcher when any part of his person is upon ground outside the lines of his position.

Rule 21. A Foul Balk is a ball delivered to the bat by the Pitcher by an overhand throw, or by any swing of the arm or hand other than that prescribed in Rule 18.

Rule 22. A Dead Ball is a ball delivered to the bat by the Pitcher, that touches the Batsman's bat without being struck at, or any part of the Batsman's person while standing in his position, or any part of the Umpire's person without first passing the Catcher.

Rule 23. A Fair Hit is a ball batted by the Batsman, standing in his position, that first touches the ground, the First Base, the Third Base, the person of a player, or any other object, in front of or on either of the Foul Lines; or (*Exception*) batted directly to the ground by the Batsman, standing in his position, that (whether it first touches Foul or Fair Ground) bounds or rolls within the Foul Lines between Home and First or Home and Third Bases without first touching the person of a player.

Rule 24. A Foul Hit is a ball batted by the Batsman, standing in his position, that first touches the ground, the person of a player, or any other object, behind either of the Foul Lines, or (*Exception*) batted directly to the ground by the Batsman, standing in his position, that (whether it first touches Foul or Fair Ground) bounds or rolls outside the Foul Lines, be-

tween Home and First, or Home and Third Bases, without first touching the person of a player.

Rule 25. A Strike is

(1) A ball struck at, by the Batsman without it touching his bat, or

(2) A ball legally delivered by the Pitcher at the height called for by the Batsman, and over the Home Base, but not struck at by the Batsman.

Rule 26. A Foul Strike is a ball batted by the Batsman when any part of his person is upon ground outside the lines of the Batsman's position.

Rule 27. Play is the order of the Umpire to begin the game, or to resume play after its suspension.

Rule 28. Time is the order of the Umpire to suspend play. Such suspension must not extend beyond the day of the game.

Rule 29. Game is the announcement by the Umpire that the game is terminated.

Rule 30. An Inning is the turn at bat of the nine players representing a Club in a game, and is completed when three of such players have been put out as provided in these Rules.

Rule 31. A time at bat is the term at bat of a batsman. It begins when he takes his position, and continues until he is put out or becomes a base runner.

Rule 32. Legal, or Legally, signifies as required by these rules.

CLASS IV.

THE GAME.

Rule 33. A Game shall consist of nine innings to each contesting nine, except that:

(1) If the side first at bat scores less runs in nine innings than the other side has scored in eight innings, the game shall then terminate. ●

(2) If the side last at bat in the ninth innings

scores the winning run before the third man is out, the game shall then terminate.

(3) If the score be a tie at the end of nine innings to each side, play shall only be continued until the side first at bat shall have scored one or more runs than the other side, in an equal number of innings; or until the other side shall score one more run than the side first at bat.

(4) If the Umpire calls "game" on account of darkness or rain at any time after five innings have been completed by both sides, the score shall be that of the last equal innings played, **unless** the side second at bat shall have scored one or more runs than the side first at bat, in which case the score of the game shall be the total number of runs made.

Rule 34. A Drawn Game shall be declared by the Umpire when he terminates a game, on account of darkness or rain, after five equal innings have been played, if the score at the time is equal on the last even innings played; but (*Exception*) if the side that went second to bat is then at the bat, and has scored the same number of runs as the other side, the Umpire shall declare the game drawn, without regard to the score of the last equal innings.

Rule 35. A Forfeited Game shall be declared by the Umpire, in favor of the Club not in fault, in the following cases:

(1) If the Nine of a Club fail to appear upon the Field, or, being upon the Field, fail to begin the game, within five minutes after the Umpire has called "Play" at the hour appointed for the beginning of a game.

(2) If, after the game has begun, one side refuses or fails to continue playing, **unless** such game has been suspended or terminated by the Umpire.

(3) If, after play has been suspended by the Umpire, one side fails to resume playing within five minutes after the Umpire has called "Play."

(4) If the Umpire calls three Foul Balks in one

inning, and has warned the Pitcher of the penalty after the second Foul Balk and before the third is called.

(5) If, in the opinion of the Umpire, any one of these Rules is willfully violated.

Rule 36. "No Game" shall be declared by the Umpire if he shall terminate play, on account of rain or darkness, before five innings on each side are completed.

Rule 37. A Substitute shall not be allowed to take the place of any player in a game, after the commencement of the second inning of the side first at bat, unless such player be disabled, in the game then being played, by reason of illness or injury.

Rule 38. The Choice of First Innings shall be determined by the two Captains.

Rule 39. The Game must begin when the Umpire calls "Play." When he calls "Time," play shall be suspended until he calls "Play" again, and during the interim no player shall be put out, base be run, or run be scored. The Umpire shall suspend play only for an accident to himself or a player, or in case rain falls so heavily that, in his opinion, the game cannot fairly proceed, in which case he shall note the time of suspension, and, should such rain continue to fall thirty minutes thereafter, he shall terminate the game. The Umpire shall also declare every "dead ball," "foul hit," "foul strike," "balk" and "foul balk," and after declaring the second "foul balk" in one inning shall warn the Pitcher of the penalty prescribed by Rule 35, (4.)

Rule 40. The Batsman, on taking his position, must call for a "high ball," a "low ball," or a "high or low ball," and the Umpire shall notify the Pitcher to deliver the ball as required; such call shall not be changed after the first ball delivered. The Umpire shall count and call every "unfair ball" delivered by the Pitcher, and every "foul balk" and "dead ball" if also an "unfair ball" as a "ball;

and he shall also count and call every "strike," except that, after two strikes have been called, should the Batsman fail to strike at the next fair ball, the Umpire shall omit the count in that instance only, but shall warn the Batsman by calling "good ball." Neither a "ball" nor a "strike" shall be called or counted until the ball has passed the Home Base.

Rule 41. The Batsman is out

(1) If he fails to take his position at the bat in his order of batting, unless the error be discovered and the proper Batsman takes his position before a fair hit has been made.

(2) If he fails to take his position within one minute after the Umpire has called for the Batsman.

(3) If he makes a foul hit and the ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground, or after touching the ground but once, provided it be not caught in a fielder's hat or cap, or touch some object other than the fielder before touching the ground or before being caught.

(4) If he makes a foul strike.

(5) If he plainly attempts to hinder the Catcher from catching the ball, evidently without effort to make a fair hit.

Rule 42. The Batsman becomes a Base Runner

(1) When he makes a fair hit.

(2) When eight balls have been called by the Umpire.

(3) When three strikes have been declared by the Umpire.

Rule 43. The Base Runner must touch each Base in regular order, viz: First, Second, Third, and Home Bases, and when obliged to return must retouch the base or bases in reverse order. He shall only be considered as holding a base after touching it, and shall then be entitled to hold such base until he has legally touched the next base in order, or

has been legally forced to vacate it for a succeeding Base-Runner.

Rule 44. The Base-Runner shall be entitled, without being put out, to take one Base, provided he do so on the run, in the following cases:

(1) If, while he was Batsman, the Umpire called eight balls.

(2) If the Umpire awards a succeeding Batsman a base on eight balls, and the Base-Runner is thereby forced to vacate the base held by him.

(3) If the Umpire calls a Foul Balk.

(4) If a ball delivered by the Pitcher pass the Catcher and touch any fence or building within ninety feet of the Home Base.

(5) If he be prevented from making a base by the obstruction of an adversary.

(6) If a Fielder stop or catch a batted ball with his hat or any part of his dress.

(7) If a batted or thrown ball be stopped by any person not engaged in the game, and, in such case, the ball shall not be considered in play until it is held by the Pitcher standing in his position.

Rule 45. The Base-Runner may have a Substitute run for him, in case of illness or injury incurred in the game then being played, provided he has reached First Base, and in such case, the oppsing Captain shall select such substitute from the side at bat.

Rule 46. The Base-Runner is out

(1) If, having made a fair hit while Batsman, such fair hit ball be momentarily held by a Fielder, before touching the ground or any object other than a Fielder, provided it be not caught in the Fielder's hat or cap.

(2) If, when the Umpire has declared three strikes on him while Batsman, the third strike ball be momentarily held by a Fielder before touching the ground; provided it be not caught in a Fielder's hat

or cap, or touch some object other than a Fielder before being caught.

(3) If, after three strikes or a fair hit, he be touched with the ball in the hand of a Fielder before such Base-Runner touches First Base.

(4) If, after three strikes or a fair hit, the ball be securely held by a Fielder, while touching First Base with any part of his person, before such Base-Runner touches First Base.

(5) If, after three strikes, eight balls, or a fair hit, he fails to *run* to First Base.

(6) If, in running to First Base, he runs inside the Foul Line or more than three feet outside of it, *except* that he must do so if necessary to avoid a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball, and in such case shall not be declared out.

(7) If, in running from First to Second Base, from Second to Third Base, or from Third to Home Base, he runs more than three feet from a direct line between such bases to avoid being touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder; *but* in case a Fielder be occupying the Base-Runner's proper path, attempting to field a batted ball, then the Base-Runner shall run out of the path and behind said Fielder, and shall not be declared out for so doing.

(8) If he fails to avoid a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball, in the manner prescribed in (6) and (7) of this Rule, or if he, in any way, obstructs a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball.

(9) If, at any time while the ball is in play, he be touched by the ball in the hand of a Fielder, unless some part of his person is touching a base he is entitled to occupy, provided the ball be held by the Fielder after touching him; *but (exception as to First Base)* in running to First Base he may over-run said base without being put out for being off said base, after first touching it, provided he returns at once and retouches the base, after which he may be put out as at any other base. If, in overrunning First Base, he also at-

tempts to run to Second Base, he shall forfeit such exemption from being put out.

(10) If, when a Fair or Foul Hit ball is legally caught by a Fielder before it touches the ground, such ball is legally held by a Fielder on the base occupied by the Base-Runner when such ball was struck (or the Base-Runner be touched with the ball in the hand of a Fielder), before he retouches said base after such Fair or Foul Hit Ball was so caught; **provided**, That the Base-Runner shall not be out in such case, if, after the ball was legally caught as above, it be delivered to the bat by the Pitcher before the Fielder holds it on the said base or touches the Base-Runner with it.

(11) If, when the ball, from a Foul Hit, has struck the ground before being caught, or the Batsman has made a Foul Strike, the Base-Runner fails to retouch the base held by him when the ball was struck, after such ball has been returned to and held by the Pitcher standing in his position; **provided**, That, after the Batsman makes such Foul Hit or Foul Strike, the Base-Runner may return to said base without being declared out, if he do so on the run.

(12) If, when a Batsman becomes a Base-Runner, [*except as provided in Rule 43*], the First Base, or the First and Second Bases, or the First, Second and Third Bases, be occupied, any Base-Runner so occupying a base shall cease to be entitled to hold it, until the Base-Runner running to First Base is put out, and may be put out at the next base or by being touched by the ball in the hand of a Fielder in the same manner as in running to First Base, at any time before the Base-Runner running to First Base is put out.

(13) If a Fair Hit ball strike him he shall be declared out, and in such case no base shall be run unless forced, and no run be scored.

(14) If, when running to a base or forced to return to a base, he fail to touch the intervening base or bases, if any, in the order prescribed in Rule 42; **provided**, That he shall not be declared out unless the Cap-

tain of the fielding side claim such decision before the ball is delivered to the bat by the Pitcher.

Rule 47. The Umpire shall declare the Batsman or Base-Runner out, without waiting for an appeal for such decision, in all cases where such player is put out in accordance with these Rules, *except* as provided in Rule 46, (10) and (14).

Rule 48. When a Dead Ball is declared by the Umpire, no player shall be put out, base be run, or run be scored on such ball, *unless* such ball be also the eighth Unfair Ball, that entitles the striker to a base, in which case the striker shall take First Base, and any Base-Runner thereby forced to vacate a base shall take one base without being put out, and if a base thus taken be the Home Base the run shall be scored.

Rule 49. One Run shall be scored every time a Base Runner, after having legally touched the first three bases, shall touch the Home Base before three men are put out. If the third man is forced out, or is put out before reaching First Base, a run shall not be scored.

Rule 50. If the Pitcher causes the ball to strike the Batsman, and the Umpire be satisfied that he does it intentionally, he shall fine the Pitcher therefor in a sum not less than Ten Dollars nor more than Fifty Dollars.

Rule 51. No Player, except the Captain or his assistant, shall address the Umpire concerning any point of play, and any violation of this Rule shall subject the offender to a fine by the Umpire.

Rule 52. No Manager, Captain or Player shall address the audience during the progress of a game, except in case of necessary explanation.

Rule 53. No person not engaged in the game shall be permitted to occupy any position within

the lines of the Field, or to interfere in any way with the Umpire or the players during the progress of a game.

CLASS V.

THE UMPIRE.

Rule 54. The Umpire shall be selected as follows:

(1) Two clubs may, by mutual agreement, select any man to umpire any game or games, provided that such agreement be in writing, and the man so selected agrees not less than seven days before such game, or the first of such games, to act as such Umpire.

(2) A staff of League Umpires shall be selected in the following manner: Prior to April 1st of each year, each club shall send to the Secretary the names of any persons of good repute and considered competent to act as Umpires. A list of all persons so nominated shall be prepared by the Secretary and submitted to each club, which shall then select therefrom a number equal to three times the number of clubs then in the League, and shall transmit a list thereof to the Secretary, and the required number having the greatest number of approvals shall constitute the staff of League Umpires.

The Board shall fill any vacancy caused by declinations, and shall appoint an Umpire to replace any that may be objected to in writing by three League clubs after the commencement of the championship season.

(3) In the absence of the agreement provided for in Sec. 1 of this Rule, the Visiting Club shall, not less than five days before any Championship Game, submit by telegraph to the President or Secretary of the Home Club the names of seven League Umpires, none of whom shall reside in the city of the Visiting Club. The Home Club shall then be charged with the duty of producing one of the seven so named upon the grounds in season for the game.

(4) In case the Visiting Club shall have failed to

furnish the seven names as provided in Sec. 3, *the Home Club shall select an Umpire for such game*; and in case the Visiting Club shall have furnished the seven names, as provided in Sec. 3, and the Home Club fails to produce one of the Umpires so named, within fifteen minutes before the hour appointed for the game, *the Visiting Club shall select the Umpire*, who shall not be an employe of the Visiting Club.

Rule 55. The Umpire's Duties, in addition to those specified in the preceding Rules, are

(1) Before the commencement of a Match Game, the Umpire shall see that the rules governing all the materials of the game are strictly observed. He shall ask the Captain of the Home Club whether there are any special ground rules to be enforced, and, if there are, he shall see that they are duly enforced, provided they do not conflict with any of these Rules. He shall also ascertain whether the fence in the rear of the Catcher's position is distant ninety feet from the Home Base.

(2) The Umpire shall not reverse his decision on any point of play upon the testimony of any player engaged in the game.

(3) Should the Umpire be unable to see whether a catch has been fairly made, he shall be at liberty to appeal to the bystanders, and to render his decision accordingly.

(4) In case the Umpire imposes a fine on a player, or declares a game forfeited, he shall transmit a written notice thereof to the Secretary of the League within twenty-four hours thereafter.

Rule 56. The Visiting Club shall pay the fee and expenses of the Umpire of any championship game.

Rule 57. The Umpire shall not be changed during the progress of a Match Game, except for reason of illness or injury, or by the consent of the

Captains of the two contesting Nines, in case he shall have willfully violated any of these Rules.

Rule 58. Any League Umpire who shall be convicted of selling, or offering to sell, a game of which he is Umpire, shall, thereupon, be removed from his official capacity, and placed under the same disabilities inflicted on expelled players by the Constitution of the League.

Rule 59. The Umpire's Jurisdictions and Powers, in addition to those specified in the preceding Rules, are:

The gentleman selected to fill the position of Umpire must keep constantly in mind the fact that upon his sound discretion and promptness in conducting the game, and compelling players to observe the spirit as well as the letter of the Rules, largely depends the merit of the game as an exhibition, and the satisfaction of spectators therewith. He must make his decisions distinct and clear, remembering that every spectator is anxious to hear such decision. He must keep the contesting nines playing constantly from the commencement of the game to its termination, allowing such delays only as are rendered unavoidable by accident, injury or rain. He must, until the completion of the game, require the players of each side to promptly take their positions in the field as soon as the third hand is put out, and must require the first striker of the opposite side to be in his position at the bat as soon as the Fielders are in their places.

The players of the side "at bat" must occupy the portion of the Field allotted them, subject to the condition that they must speedily vacate any portion thereof that may be in the way of the ball, or any Fielder attempting to catch or field it. The triangular space behind the Home Base is reserved for the exclusive use of the Umpire, Catcher and Batsman, and the Umpire must prohibit any player of the side "at bat" from crossing the same at any time while the ball

is in the hands of or passing between the Pitcher or Catcher while standing in their positions.

The Umpire is master of the Field from the commencement to the termination of the game, and must compel the players to observe the provisions of all the Playing Rules, and he is hereby invested with authority to order any player to do or omit to do any act necessary to give force and effect to any and all of such provisions, and power to inflict upon any player disobeying any such order a fine of not less than five or more than fifty dollars for each offense, and to impose a similar fine upon any player who shall use abusive, threatening or improper language to the Umpire, audience or other player, and when the Umpire shall have so punished the player, he shall not have the power to revoke or remit the penalty so inflicted.

The Umpire shall, at once, notify the Captain of the offending player's side of the infliction of any fine herein provided for, and the club to which such player belongs shall, upon receipt of a notice of said fine from the Secretary of the League, within ten days, transmit the amount of such fine to the Secretary of the League.

CLASS VI.

SCORING.

Rule 60. In Order to Promote Uniformity in Scoring Championship Games, the following instructions, suggestions, and definitions are made for the benefit of scorers of League Clubs, and they are required to make the scores mentioned in Sec. 10, Article XII. of the League Constitution in accordance therewith.

Batting.

(1) The first item in the tabulated score, after the player's name and position, shall be the number of times he has been at bat during the game. Any time or times where the player has been sent to base on called balls shall not be included in this column.

(2) In the second column should be set down the runs made by each player.

(3) In the third column should be placed the first base hits made by each player. A base hit should be scored in the following cases:

When the ball from the bat strikes the ground between the foul lines and out of reach of the fielders.

When a hit is partially or wholly stopped by a fielder in motion; but such player cannot recover himself in time to handle the ball before the striker reaches First Base.

When the ball is hit so sharply to an infielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out a man. In case of doubt over this class of hits, score a base hit and exempt fielder from the charge of an error.

When a ball is hit so slowly toward a Fielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out a man.

(4) In the fourth column should be placed to the credit of each player the total bases run during the game. In scoring "bases run" where a player has reached first base as the result of the putting out of another player, such first base shall not be credited to the striker as one of the bases run by him.

Fielding.

(5) The number of opponents put out by each player shall be set down in the fifth column. Where a striker is given out by the Umpire for a foul strike, or because he struck out of his turn, the put-out shall be scored to the Catcher.

(6) The number of times the player assists shall be set down in the sixth column. An assist should be given to each player who handles the ball in a run-out or other play of the kind.

An assist should be given to the Pitcher when a Batsman fails to hit the ball on the third strike.

An assist should be given to the Pitcher in each case where the Batsman is declared out for making a foul strike or striking out of turn.

An assist should be given to a player who makes a

play in time to put a runner out, even if the player who should complete the play fails, through no fault of the player assisting.

And generally an assist should be given to each player who handles the ball from the time it leaves the bat until it reaches the player who makes the put-out, or in case of a thrown ball, to each player who throws or handles it cleanly, and in such a way that a put-out results, or would result if no error were made by the receiver.

(7) In the seventh column should be placed the "total chances offered" to retire players, which should include each perfect play, as well as each misplay or failure to accept a chance to retire a batsman or base runner. "Chances offered" should not include "passed balls," "called balls," or "wild pitches." In scoring "chances offered" off batted balls, see Sec. 3 of this Article.

CLASS VII.

CONSTRUCTION AND AMENDMENTS.

Rule 61. No Section of these Rules shall be construed as conflicting with or affecting any article of the Constitution of the League.

Rule 62. No Amendment or change of any of these Rules shall be made, except in the manner provided in the Constitution of the League.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS HELD AT PIERCE'S HOTEL, BUFFALO, N. Y., WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3, 1879.

The meeting was called to order at 11 A. M.

Present, Mr. W. A. Hulbert, Chairman, Messrs. Root, Evans and Sage, Directors. Mr. A. H. Soden, of Boston, was duly elected a Director to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of J. M. W. Neff.

The Secretary presented a tabular statement of championship games won and lost during the season of 1879, showing the Providence Club to have won the greatest number. On motion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Providence Base Ball Association, of Providence, R. I., having won the greatest number of games in the Championship series is hereby awarded the Championship of the United States for the year 1880.

The report of the Treasurer was received and accepted.

The application of the Cincinnati Base Ball Association for League membership, was received and referred to Messrs. Root, Sage and Evans, who report favorably on their admission.

The application of the National Base Ball Club, of Washington, D. C., was received and referred to Messrs. Soden, Evans and Root.

On motion the following resolutions were adopted:

(1.) *Resolved*, That the Syracuse Base Ball Association, of Syracuse, N. Y., has forfeited its membership in this League.

(2.) *Resolved*, That the resignation of the Cincinnati Base Ball Association of date October 24, 1879, be placed on file.

(3.) *Resolved*, That the game which should have been played between the Cincinnati and Chicago Clubs, in Cincinnati, Aug. 13, 1879, be declared forfeit-

ed to the Chicago Club and counted as a game won by the said Chicago Club by a score of nine runs to none.

The Secretary presented a communication from Mr. Alex. McKinnon, who asked for a removal of disabilities caused by his expulsion from the Troy City Base Ball Association. On motion the appeal of Mr. McKinnon was denied.

Mr. W. H. Craver also made application for a removal of disabilities caused by his expulsion from the Louisville Base Ball Club. On motion the appeal of Mr. Craver was denied.

Mr. N. E. Young was re-elected Secretary for the ensuing year.

No further business appearing, on motion adjourned.

(Signed,) W. A. HULBERT,
Chairman.

J. F. EVANS,	}	<i>Directors.</i>
HENRY T. ROOT,		
A. H. SODEN,		
JNO. B. SAGE,		

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS, HELD AT PIERCE'S HOTEL, BUFFALO, N. Y., WEDNESDAY DEC. 3, A. D. 1879.

Meeting called to order by the President at 12 M., and, on motion, adjourned to meet at 2 P. M.

Meeting called to order by the President at 2 P. M.

The following named gentlemen presented their credentials as the representatives of their respective clubs:

W. A. Hulburt and A. G. Spalding, representing the Chicago Ball Club.

A. H. Soden and Harry Wright, representing the Boston B. B. Association.

E. B. Smith and John B. Sage, representing the Buffalo B. B. Association.

J. F. Evans, representing the Cleveland B. B. Club.
H. T. Root, representing the Providence B. B. Association.

Gardner Earl and C. R. DeFreest, representing the Troy City B. B. Association.

On motion the order of business was changed as follows:

1. Reading minutes of last meeting.
2. Report of Board of Directors.
3. Election of New Members.
4. Amendment of Constitution.
3. Amendment of Playing Rules.
5. Election of Officers.
7. Miscellaneous Business.
8. Adjournment.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and, on motion, accepted.

On motion, the report of the Board of Directors was received and adopted.

The Cincinnati Base Ball Association was unanimously elected a member of the League, and Messrs. Justus Thorner and O. P. Caylor were duly admitted as the representatives of that organization.

The meeting next proceeded to consider amendments to the Constitution, which, as amended, were adopted as follows: (*See Constitution.*)

The meeting next proceeded to consider amendments to the Playing Rules, pending the consideration of which, on motion adjourned to meet on the following day:

THURSDAY, DEC. 4, A. D. 1879.

Meeting called to order by the President at 10 A. M. and resumed the consideration of amendments to the Playing Rules, which, as amended, were adopted as follows: (*See Playing Rules.*)

Election of officers being the next business in order Mr. W. A. Hulbert was unanimously re-elected as President of the League.

The following named gentlemen were selected, with

the President, to constitute the Board of Directors for the ensuing year, namely: A. H. Soden, Jno. B. Sage, J. F. Evans, and Justus Thorner.

The committee on the conditional application of the National B. B. Club of Washington, D. C., reported that they were not prepared to report upon the conditions contained in said application.

On motion, the report of the committee was received, and the committee discharged.

On motion, the application of the National Club was laid on the table.

On motion, the communications of the Albany and Worcester Clubs were placed on file.

Mr. Smith offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That each Club of this Association be permitted to have the exclusive right to regulate its own rate of admission to games played on its own grounds.

Lost.

Mr. De Freest offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that the uniform price of admission to all League Championship contests be fixed at fifty cents; but it is hereby tacitly agreed and understood that such members as desire may sell commutation tickets upon such terms as may be agreeable to the members desiring to effect such sale.

Resolved, That this resolution be entered upon the minutes but be not promulgated in the official publication of the Association.

Lost.

Messrs. Hulbert and Soden were constituted a committee to prepare a schedule for the season of 1880.

On motion the publication of the League Book was left in the hands of the Secretary.

On motion a committee was appointed to confer with manufacturers present in relation to furnishing balls. The committee reported in favor of the *Spalding League Ball*, and the Secretary was instructed to make contract with A. G. Spalding & Bros., of Chicago,

Ill., for furnishing the necessary number for the use of League clubs during the year 1880.

On motion the application of the National Club was taken from the table. Owing to the conditions contained in the said application being contrary to the League Constitution, the said National Club was granted leave to withdraw the same.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the League tender to Mr. A. G. Mills, of Chicago, Ills., a vote of thanks in recognition of his valuable assistance to the President of the League in the re-arrangement and improvement of the Playing Rules as adopted by the League at this meeting.

It was moved and seconded that the next annual meeting of the League be held in New York City, and that the selection of the hotel be left in the hands of the President. Carried.

On motion, the President was empowered to reconvene this meeting prior to April 1, 1880.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to pay to Mr. L. H. Mahn, the defaulted bill of the Milwaukee B. B. Club, amounting to \$15.

On motion a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. W. A. Hulbert for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the League.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 10 A. M., on the following day.

FRIDAY, DEC. 5, 1879.

Meeting called to order at 10 A. M.

No further business appearing on motion adjourned.

(Signed,) W. A. HULBERT, *President*.

N. E. YOUNG, *Secretary*.

SPECIAL LEAGUE MEETING.

FEB. 26, 1880.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL B. B. CLUBS HELD AT THE OSBORN HOUSE, ROCHESTER, N. Y., FEB. 26, 1880, AT 10:30 A. M.

The Board of Directors, on the question of the interpretation of Section 2 Article 3, of the League Constitution, rules that the population within the territorial limits prescribed in Sec. 8, Art. 5, determine the eligibility of the applicant.

On the declaration of Mr. Robert Ferguson, who appeared and presented credentials as a delegate from the Troy City B. B. Association, that he was not under contract or engagement with it as a ball player it was voted by the Board of Directors that he was eligible to sit as a delegate from said Troy City B. B. Association. On motion adjourned.

(Signed)

W. A. HULBERT,

Chairman.

J. F. EVANS,
A. H. SODEN,
JUSTUS THORNER,
JNO. B. SAGE,

Directors.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL B. B. CLUBS HELD AT THE OSBORN HOUSE, ROCHESTER, N. Y., THURSDAY, FEB. 26, 1880.

Meeting called to order by President Hulbert at 12 M. Present:

W. A. HULBERT,

Representing the Chicago Ball Club.

ROBT. FERGUSON,

Representing the Troy City B. B. Ass'n.

FREEMAN BROWN,

Representing the Worcester B. B. Ass'n.

A. H. SODEN and HARRY WRIGHT,

Representing the Boston B. B. Ass'n.

HENRY T. ROOT,

Representing the Providence B. B. Ass'n.

JNO. B. SAGE and E. B. SMITH,
Representing the Buffalo B. B. Ass'n.

JUSTUS THORNER and O. P. CAYLOR,
Representing the Cincinnati B. B. Ass'n.

J. F. EVANS,
Representing the Cleveland B. B. Ass'n.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That in view of the possibility of any club now a member of the League, forfeiting its membership by disbandment, or inability from any cause to play out the games as per schedule, a committee consisting of Messrs. Hulbert and Evans are hereby appointed and fully empowered to arrange with any club in good standing to take the place so vacated by the retiring club under certain conditions and obligations to be fixed by said committee; and *Provided* that such an arrangement does not confer membership on said club, so appointed, nor involve any change in the season schedule of games as fixed.

ADDRESS TO PLAYERS.

The following address to the base ball players of the League was presented by President Hulbert and unanimously adopted:

.....1880.
 Mr.....

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 The.... Base Ball Club
 of..... desires to bring to your
 notice, as a playing member under engagement to this
 Club, and to urge upon your careful and thoughtful at-
 tention, the following ADDRESS TO THE PLAYERS OF
 LEAGUE CLUBS, drafted and formally adopted by the
 League, at a Special Meeting held in the City of
 Rochester, N. Y., on the 26th day of February, 1880:

DISCIPLINE AND PENALTIES.

In view of the various new and important features introduced into League legislation, touching the relation of players to their clubs, it seems eminently wise and proper that a statement be made concerning the intention and effect of the alterations and amendments in question, in order that there shall be a distinct understanding as to the rights, responsibilities, and duties of both players and clubs. The purpose actuating the members of the League in thus drawing more tightly the reins of discipline has been simply and solely the carrying out, in letter and spirit, of that clause in the League Constitution wherein it is declared that the objects of the League are, among other things, "to protect and promote the mutual interests of professional base ball clubs and professional base ball players." That the amended code of the League for 1880 is directly in the line of this object, will indisputably appear after a careful survey of the situation in its altered aspects. The effect of the new penalties and system of discipline, prescribed by the League, will be, primarily, to hold to a stricter accountability than heretofore that class of players who are in need of some powerful restraining influence to help them guard against a tendency toward intemperance and excess. It is best to be plain and unequivocal in this matter, and to waste no words in coming to the point—which is, that hereafter it is not proposed to permit or tolerate drunkenness or bummerism in the playing members of League Clubs. It is not designed to interfere with the personal liberty of any player, by the imposition of foolish and impracticable restrictions upon his conduct while off the ball field, further than to require that he shall not disgrace his club and his avocation by scandalous and disreputable practices. A player's habits and deportment when not before the public in his professional capacity are matters which himself alone can regulate by the light of his interests and his conscience. Every

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ball player is competent to see for himself that intemperance is a two-edged sword in the hands of an adversary—cutting one way in the loss of the money he spends in the gratification of his appetite for liquor; cutting the other way in the loss of standing in his profession. Who does not know that the ball players in America receiving the highest compensation for their services are they who are scrupulously temperate and well-governed in their habits? There are players of the other class of a higher degree of skill, but who are handicapped in the matter of compensation and standing by a reputation for objectionable habits. The players receiving the highest salaries, by reason of their exemplary habits and consequent greater uniformity of skill and efficiency on the ball field, gain another advantage, the great value of which it is not easy to estimate. This is in respect of their reputation and standing before the whole world of base ball patrons. A player's reputation is not confined to any one city; it is well known and correctly gauged all over the country; and sobriety and gentlemanly conduct make firm friends, who will some day be of value and benefit to a player after he has, voluntarily, or by reason of some disabling injury, retired permanently from base ball. Instances of the value and advantage to a player of friendship and good will thus acquired could be multiplied indefinitely. There can be no two opinions on the subject of the importance to players of gaining for themselves such a reputation as will not only yield them present profit, but will insure them the respect and good will of the great public by which the game of base ball is supported, and thus put them in the way of future benefits and advantages, which the brilliant but unreliable player can never hope to realize.

As before stated, the direction of the latest League legislation is toward stricter discipline and more effectual pains and penalties for misconduct. Beginning with Section 1 of Article V, of the League Constitution, the power to *suspend* is additionally conferred upon

each club, for any act or deed of omission or commission by which a player's services to his club are impaired in their efficiency and value. The player *must render a full equivalent for his salary*; he *must* live up to his contract, or suffer the consequences of an infraction of such contract. Each player should not fail to read carefully, again and again, the language of his contract, which has been devised by the League to meet every known or imaginable exigency in the case, and the use of which contract is, by League law, made compulsory upon every club in the engagement of every player. The contract is printed in clear type, so that every player may read for himself, and understand fully, the obligation he is taking upon himself. The contract speaks for itself; its provisions are known to every player now under engagement in the clubs belonging to the League. It is with the new powers created for the enforcement of the contract that we now have to deal, and which we desire to bring to the notice of the players of the League, hoping thereby to bring about a fair understanding as to their rights and duties, and to secure their co-operation in the measures devised for the benefit alike of the honorable player, the honorable club management, and the honorable game of base ball.

In Section 5, Article V, the words "or of any dishonorable or disreputable conduct" no longer appear; this cause is no longer sufficient to warrant expulsion, but is provided for in an entirely new section (Sec. 6), by which a club is not only empowered to punish or discipline a player for so much as remains of the season during which the offense was committed, but can go beyond that, beyond the life of its contract with that player, and suspend or disqualify him for *the whole of the ensuing season*, during which he is as absolutely shelved, disabled, annihilated, so far as playing in or against any League club is concerned, as though he had lost an arm or a leg. All this time he is not under salary, and is practically debarred from

earning a living at base ball. The causes for which this penalty of suspension may be imposed are, "*drunkenness, insubordination, or any dishonorable or disreputable conduct;*" and while the punishment may at first seem excessive, it will be recognized as a wholesome and reasonable restraint when its purpose and application are considered. Section 6 is designed to prevent that condition of demoralization into which players of the intemperate or insubordinate class relapse toward the close of the playing season, when their club has no longer any prospect of winning the championship, when their own bad conduct and bad play have rendered it certain that they will not be re-engaged in that club for the next year, and they have accordingly become reckless, defiant, and altogether unendurable to the club management. Very likely the player in question has overdrawn his salary, and for that reason is indifferent to the threat of suspension for the rest of the season, for he has drawn nearly all the money coming to him anyhow, and suspension has no terrors. But the extension of the penalty over into the next following playing season puts a different phase upon the case. He *must* render satisfactory service to his club during the whole time he is under contract, or, failing therein, he may be disqualified from play for the entire season succeeding. There need be no fear that a penalty so severe will be inflicted without just and ample cause. It is earnestly to be hoped it may never be inflicted, but its presence among the penalties authorized by the League Constitution cannot fail to prove a wholesome and beneficial restraint upon that class of ball players to meet whose case the law was devised.

Suitable provision has been made for the enforcement of all disciplinary or restrictive legislation, whether relating to clubs or players. Section 7, Article V, of the Constitution, imposes the penalty of forfeiture of membership in the League upon any club taking part in any game of ball on Sunday, or which shall

fail to immediately expel any man under contract with it, who shall take part in any such game, either as player, umpire, or scorer; while in Section 10, Article V, every League club is prohibited from playing in its nine a player who has been expelled or suspended from the League, and the League clubs are moreover forbidden to play any club employing or presenting in its nine a player under the ban of expulsion or suspension. And it is important to notice that the disciplining of a player for misconduct rests not alone with the club by which he is employed; on the contrary, such player may be expelled by the Board of Directors of the League, upon the complaint of another club (Sec. 1, Art. VIII), for a repetition of misconduct, even though his own club should decline to prosecute and impose the penalty. Further than this, the terms of the League contract constitute in themselves a direct and effectual means of holding the player to the same degree of accountability for the satisfactory character of the service rendered that is exacted by every business man at the hands of the persons in his employ. To this end, it is expressly stipulated in the League contract that the player may be suspended from play, *and from pay*, at any time when he shall be deemed by the club management to be disqualified from playing with the requisite skill, by reason of illness, injury, insubordination, or misconduct of any kind; or, whenever he shall, by the Captain or Manager of the nine, be considered as lacking in the zeal, willingness, or physical condition necessary to the rendering of satisfactory service as a ball player. As an inducement to every player to so regulate his habits and actions as to keep at all times in a sound and healthy condition, the League contract provides that there shall be no wages paid where no services are rendered; that for the period during which a player is suspended or excused from play, for any of the above mentioned reasons, he shall forfeit such a ratable proportion of his wages, for the season, as the number

of games not played in by him bears to the total number of games scheduled for the season. It cannot be denied that the placing of this power in the hands of club managers is a measure of necessary protection against habits of intemperance and their attendant evils of unsound physical condition, moral recklessness, loose play, and general demoralization. Experience has amply demonstrated the necessity for some plan of discipline that will reach the pocket as well as the pride of a player who deliberately and systematically falls short of the honorable discharge of his obligations toward the club and the patrons of base ball. The compensation paid to players in League clubs is so liberal as to entitle the clubs to the highest degree of skill and the best service a player can render, and it is the intention of the League to exact precisely this, and nothing less. There is not a condition or penalty prescribed in the League contract, constitution, or playing rules, that will work a hardship to any conscientious, earnest, deserving player. It is only players of the opposite character who will suffer, and it is their turn to suffer. The clubs have had more than their share of the pecuniary loss, the aggravation, annoyance and mortification caused by the state of affairs, which these conditions and penalties have been devised to correct. Justice to the players is a demand and obligation at all times recognized; justice to the club managers and stockholders, who have made good the deficiencies in the club treasuries, season after season; justice to the public, upon whose respect and patronage the clubs must depend for an existence; justice to the noble game of base ball, which it has been the constant aim of the League to elevate, perfect and popularize—these, and these alone, are the considerations which have influenced and brought about the League's latest legislation on the subject of discipline and penalties.

LEAGUE UMPIRES FOR 1880.

The following named gentlemen were appointed official League Umpires for 1880:

1. B. F. Wade, No. 3 Case Building, Cleveland, O.
2. Jos. W. Young, No. 10 Larned Block, Syracuse, N. Y.
3. Wm. McLean, No. 713 N. 45th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
4. A. G. Pratt, No. 120 Monterey St., Allegheny, Pa.
5. Chas. E. Davis, No. 17 Chestnut St., New Bedford, Mass.
6. W. E. Stearns, Interior Department, Washington, D. C.
7. R. B. Finch, Ithaca, N. Y.
8. Jas. L. White, Corning, N. Y.
9. Jno. W. Schofield, Troy, N. Y.
10. Geo. H. Bradley, No. 138 West Main St, Rochester, N. Y.
1. S. W. Nickerson, care of Brown & Van Slyck, Providence, R. I.
2. Chas. F. Daniels, No. 68 Sheldon St., Hartford, Conn.
3. Michael Walsh, No. 365 7th St., Louisville, Ky.
4. Al Barker, Rockford, Ill.
5. T. Gillian, London, Ontario.
6. Otis Tilden, Brockton, Mass.
7. Henry Murphy, Lynn, Mass.
8. John T. Lynch, Holyoke, Mass.
9. Stephen Libby, Chelsea, Mass.
10. Dan'l F. Sullivan, No. 107 Siegel St., Chicago, Ill.
1. Chas. T. Wilbur, Troy, N. Y.
2. W. E. Furlong, Milwaukee, Wis.
3. Fred. Waterman, Cincinnati, O.
4. W. J. Riley, Cincinnati, O.

COPY OF AGREEMENT.

Agreement in relation to engagement of players for 1881.

The undersigned Associations, members of the National League of Professional B. B. Clubs, do hereby agree each with the others, that neither they nor any officer, member or agent of their respective organizations shall contract with, employ, engage, or negotiate with any player for services during the season of 1881, or subsequent seasons, prior to Oct. 23, 1880.

In testimony whereof the parties hereto have hereunto set their names in the city of Rochester, this 26th day of February, 1880.

THE BOSTON B. B. ASSOCIATION,

By A. H. Soden, President.

THE PROVIDENCE B. B. ASSOCIATION,

By Henry T. Root, President.

THE BUFFALO B. B. CLUB,

By Jno. B. Sage, President.

THE WORCESTER B. B. CLUB,

By Freeman Brown, Delegate.

THE CINCINNATI B. B. CLUB,

By Justus Thorner, Président.

THE CLEVELAND B. B. ASSOCIATION,

By J. F. Evans, President.

THE CHICAGO BALL CLUB,

By W. A. Hulbert, President.

THE TROY CITY B. B. ASSOCIATION,

*By Gardner Earl, President,
Per Robt. Ferguson.*

Feb. 27, 1880.—Meeting called to order at 9.30 A. M. The committee on schedule presented their report which was adopted as follows. (See Schedule.) No further business appearing, on motion, adjourned.

W. A. HULBURT, *President.*

N. E. YOUNG, *Secretary.*

SCHEDULE OF LEAGUE GAMES FOR 1880.

1880.	At Chicago.	At Cincinnati.	At Cleveland.	At Buffalo.	At Boston.	At Providence.	At Worcester.	At Troy.
Chicago.		May 1 " 4 " 5 Sept. 14 " 15 " 16	July 10 " 13 " 14 Sept. 9 " 10 " 11	May 25 " 26 " 27 Sept. 4 " 6 " 7	May 29 June 1 " 2 Aug. 3 " 5 " 7	June 4 " 5 " 8 July 27 " 29 " 31	June 16 " 17 " 19 July 21 " 23 " 24	June 10 " 12 " 14 July 16 " 17 " 20
Cincinnati.	May 7 " 8 " 11 Sept. 18 " 21 " 22		May 25 " 26 " 27 Sept. 6 " 7	July 10 " 13 " 14 Sept. 9 " 10 " 11	June 16 " 17 " 19 July 16 " 17 " 20	June 10 " 12 " 14 July 21 " 23 " 24	May 29 June 1 " 2 July 27 " 29 " 31	June 4 " 5 " 8 Aug. 3 " 5 " 7
Cleveland.	May 18 " 20 " 22 Sept. 24 " 25 " 27	May 13 " 14 " 15 Sept. 28 " 29 " 30		May 7 " 8 " 11 Sept. 14 " 15 " 16	June 4 " 5 " 8 July 27 " 29 " 31	May 29 June 1 " 2 Aug. 3 " 5 " 7	June 10 " 12 " 14 July 16 " 17 " 20	June 16 " 17 " 19 July 21 " 23 " 24
Buffalo.	May 13 " 14 " 15 Sept. 28 " 29 " 30	May 18 " 20 " 22 Sept. 24 " 25 " 27	May 1 " 4 " 5 Sept. 18 " 21 " 22		June 10 " 12 " 14 July 21 " 23 " 24	June 16 " 17 " 19 July 16 " 17 " 20	June 4 " 5 " 8 Aug. 3 " 5 " 7	May 29 " 31 June 2 July 27 " 29 " 31
Boston.	July 1 " 2 " 3 Aug. 17 " 19 " 21	July 5 " 6 " 8 Aug. 10 " 12 " 14	June 26 " 28 " 29 Aug. 31 Sept. 1 " 2	June 22 " 23 " 24 Aug. 24 " 26 " 28		May 1 " 5 " 20 Sept. 14 " 16 " 18	May 14 July 10 " 14 Sept. 24 " 25 " 27	May 24 " 25 " 27 Sept. 4 " 6 " 7
Providence.	July 5 " 6 " 8 Aug. 10 " 12 " 14	July 1 " 2 " 3 Aug. 17 " 19 " 21	June 22 " 23 " 24 Aug. 24 " 26 " 28	June 26 " 28 " 29 Aug. 31 Sept. 1 " 2	May 4 " 18 " 22 Sept. 15 " 17 " 22		May 7 " 11 " 26 Sept. 23 " 29 " 30	July 10 " 13 " 14 Sept. 9 " 10 " 11
Worcester.	June 26 " 28 " 29 Aug. 24 " 26 " 28	June 22 " 23 " 24 Aug. 31 Sept. 1 " 2	July 1 " 2 " 3 Aug. 10 " 12 " 14	July 5 " 6 " 8 Aug. 17 " 19 " 21	May 13 " 15 July 13 Sept. 9 " 10 " 11	May 8 " 25 " 27 Sept. 4 " 6 " 7		May 18 " 20 " 22 Sept. 14 " 15 " 16
Troy City.	June 22 " 23 " 24 Aug. 31 Sept. 1 " 2	June 26 " 28 " 29 Aug. 24 " 26 " 28	July 5 " 6 " 8 Aug. 17 " 19 " 21	July 1 " 2 " 3 Aug. 10 " 12 " 14	May 7 " 8 " 11 Sept. 23 " 29 " 30	May 13 " 14 " 15 Sept. 24 " 25 " 27	May 1 " 4 " 5 Sept. 18 " 21 " 22	

BATTING AVERAGES

Of players who have taken part in ten (10) or more Championship Games.

SEASON OF 1879.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Number of Games Played.	Times at Bat.	Runs.	Average runs per Game.	1st Base Hits.	Percentage of Base Hits per Times at Bat.	Times reach'd 1st Base.	Percentage of times reached 1st base, per times at bat.
1	Anson	Chicago	49	221	41	0.83	90	.407	106	.479
2	Hines	Providence	84	406	81	0.96	145	.357	193	.475
3	O'Rourke, Jas	Providence	80	359	69	0.86	126	.351	180	.501
	Kelly	Cincinnati	76	342	78	1.02	119	.348	165	.482
4	Gross	Providence	30	132	31	1.03	46	.346	68	.515
5	O'Rourke, Jn	Boston	70	316	69	0.98	108	.341	148	.468
6	White, J. L.	Cincinnati	77	330	55	0.71	109	.330	149	.451
7	Coggswell ...	Boston	49	236	51	1.04	76	.322	112	.474
8	Shaffer	Chicago	70	304	52	0.74	97	.319	132	.434
9	Start	Providence	65	317	70	1.08	101	.318	153	.482
10	Jones	Boston	83	355	55	1.02	112	.315	186	.524
11	Foley, C. J.	Boston	35	147	16	0.45	46	.313	63	.428
12	York	Providence	80	341	69	0.86	105	.307	156	.457
13	Dalrymple ...	Chicago	67	316	45	0.67	95	.300	127	.401
	McVey	Cincinnati	80	351	64	0.80	105	.299	152	.433
14	Williamson ...	Chicago	77	314	65	0.84	94	.299	151	.480
	Dickerson ...	Cincinnati	80	347	73	0.91	102	.294	146	.420
15	McGuinness ...	Syracuse	12	51	7	0.58	15	.294	18	.352
16	Farrell	Syracuse & Prov.	65	293	44	0.63	86	.293	118	.402
17	Flint	Chicago	75	310	43	0.57	90	.290	127	.409
18	Ward	Providence	82	362	71	0.86	104	.287	161	.444
19	Kennedy	Cleveland	47	193	19	0.40	55	.285	73	.378
20	Crowley	Buffalo	59	255	41	0.69	72	.282	101	.396
	Wright	Providence	84	385	79	0.94	108	.281	170	.441
21	Morrill	Boston	84	348	56	0.66	98	.281	145	.416
	Richardson ...	Buffalo	78	330	53	0.67	92	.278	127	.384
22	Hotaling	Cincinnati	80	366	63	0.78	102	.278	150	.409
23	McGeary	Providence	84	373	62	0.74	103	.276	160	.429
24	Brothers	Troy City	39	168	17	0.43	46	.273	63	.375
	Clapp, Aaron	Troy City	34	143	24	0.70	39	.272	58	.405
25	Eden	Cleveland	81	353	40	0.49	96	.272	132	.373
26	Phillips	Cleveland	81	265	58	0.71	99	.271	140	.383
27	Gore	Chicago	60	253	43	0.71	68	.268	98	.387
28	Brown	Chicago & Prov.	58	247	27	0.46	66	.267	98	.396
	Dorgan	Syracuse	59	270	38	0.64	72	.266	99	.366
	Walker	Buffalo	70	282	33	0.47	75	.266	113	.400
29	Fulmer	Buffalo	75	300	27	0.36	80	.266	111	.370
	Hornung	Buffalo	78	319	46	0.59	85	.266	124	.388
30	Clapp, J. E.	Buffalo	67	286	45	0.67	70	.265	118	.412
31	Houck	Boston	80	355	68	0.85	94	.264	147	.414
32	Caskins	Troy City	67	297	31	0.46	77	.259	105	.353
33	Purcell	Syracuse & Cin.	74	321	42	0.58	83	.258	130	.405
34	Barnes	Cincinnati	75	320	54	0.72	82	.256	131	.409
	Hall	Troy City	66	302	30	0.47	77	.255	109	.361
35	Nelson	Troy City	27	102	16	0.59	26	.255	45	.441

BATTING AVERAGES—*Continued.*

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	N'mb'r of Games Played.	Times at Bat.	Runs.	Average runs per Game.	1st Base Hits.	Perc'tage of Base Hits per Times at Bat.	Times reach'd 1st Base.	Perc'tage of times Reached 1st Base per Times at Bat.
36	{ Peters	Chicago	79	361	41	0.51	92	.254	121	.335
	{ Galvin	Buffalo	66	259	33	0.50	66	.254	90	.347
37	Ferguson	Troy City	29	119	18	0.62	30	.252	52	.437
38	{ Remsen	Chicago	39	141	14	0.35	35	.248	47	.333
	{ Sutton	Boston	84	338	54	0.64	84	.248	124	.366
39	Bradley	Troy City	61	244	33	0.54	60	.245	86	.352
40	Warner	Cleveland	76	316	32	0.42	77	.243	122	.386
41	Mansell, Thos	Troy City	39	173	29	0.74	42	.242	64	.369
42	Burdock	Boston	84	358	64	0.76	86	.240	130	.362
43	{ Carey	Cleveland	80	335	30	0.37	80	.238	122	.364
	{ Bond	Boston	65	256	35	0.54	61	.238	95	.371
44	Snyder	Boston	81	328	42	0.52	77	.234	107	.326
45	Riley	Troy City	61	232	17	0.27	54	.232	79	.340
46	Evans	Troy City	70	273	28	0.40	63	.230	94	.344
47	Hague	Providence	50	207	20	0.40	47	.227	67	.323
48	M'Cormick, H	Syracuse	55	227	21	0.38	51	.224	70	.309
49	Doscher	Troy City	46	188	16	0.34	42	.223	67	.356
50	{ Larkin	Chicago	58	225	27	0.46	50	.222	81	.360
	{ Burke	Cincinnati	27	117	13	0.48	26	.222	40	.341
51	Quest	Chicago	79	317	36	0.45	70	.220	107	.337
52	McCormick, J	Cleveland	75	282	34	0.45	62	.219	87	.308
53	{ Taylor	Troy City	24	97	10	0.41	21	.216	38	.391
	{ Creamer	Syracuse	15	60	3	0.20	13	.216	18	.300
54	Macullar	Syracuse	63	244	24	0.38	52	.213	90	.368
	Foley, W. B.	Cincinnati	55	216	22	0.40	46	.213	69	.319
55	{ Richmond ..	Syracuse	61	251	31	0.50	53	.211	92	.366
	{ Mansell, M. R	Syracuse	66	241	24	0.36	51	.211	84	.348
56	{ Force	Buffalo	78	311	36	0.46	65	.209	99	.318
	{ Glasscock ..	Cleveland	80	325	31	0.38	68	.209	116	.357
57	Eggler	Buffalo	77	312	40	0.52	65	.208	109	.349
58	Hawks	Troy City	63	247	24	0.38	51	.206	89	.360
59	Holbert	Syracuse	58	226	11	0.19	46	.203	76	.336
60	Carpenter	Syracuse	63	258	30	0.47	52	.201	96	.372
61	{ Mathews	Providence	42	170	25	0.59	34	.200	67	.394
	{ Hawes	Boston	37	155	19	0.51	31	.200	52	.335
62	Gerhardt	Cincinnati	78	311	22	0.28	62	.199	96	.308
63	Hankinson ..	Chicago	41	158	13	0.31	29	.183	45	.284
64	McGinagle ..	Buffalo	46	166	22	0.47	30	.180	48	.289
65	Strief	Cleveland	71	264	24	0.33	46	.174	83	.314
66	Gilligan	Cleveland	52	205	20	0.38	35	.170	65	.317
67	Allen	Syracuse & Cle'd	27	109	15	0.55	18	.165	28	.262
68	Woodhead	Syracuse	33	128	3	0.09	21	.164	36	.281
69	Mitchell	Cleveland	30	109	11	0.36	16	.146	25	.229
70	Riley	Cleveland	43	161	14	0.32	23	.142	40	.243
71	White, W. H.	Cincinnati	75	292	28	0.37	40	.137	71	.243
72	Shoup	Troy City	10	41	5	0.50	4	.097	10	.244
73	Salisbury	Troy City	10	36	3	0.30	2	.055	7	.194

SEASON OF 1879.

Fielding averages of players who have taken part in ten or more Championship Games.

FIRST BASEMEN.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Number of Games Played.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Total Chances.	Percentage of Chances Accep'd.
1	Anson	Chicago	49	602	8	16	626	.974
2	Start	Providence	64	779	11	22	812	.973
3	Morrill	Boston	33	313	16	11	340	.967
4	Coggswell	Boston	49	539	10	19	568	.966
5	Riley	Troy City	10	109	1	4	114	.965
6	Dorgan	Syracuse	21	199	8	10	217	.954
7	Phillips	Cleveland	71	719	22	36	777	.953
8	Jas. O'Rourke ..	Providence	19	220	1	11	232	.952
9	McVey	Cincinnati	70	730	3	41	774	.947
	Carpenter	Syracuse	32	293	10	17	320	.947
10	Walker	Buffalo	70	811	29	48	888	.946
11	Aaron Clapp	Troy City	24	262	4	19	285	.933
12	McGuinness	Syracuse	12	113	3	9	125	.923
13	Brouthers	Troy City	37	406	6	33	445	.925
14	Remsen	Chicago	10	125	4	11	140	.921

SECOND BASEMEN.

1	Quest	Chicago	79	246	319	45	610	.926
2	Glasscock	Cleveland	65	201	208	36	445	.919
3	Burdock	Boston	84	303	300	59	662	.910
4	Fulmer	Buffalo	74	260	286	55	601	.908
5	Gerhardt	Cincinnati	56	200	192	46	438	.895
6	Hawks	Troy City	63	214	262	56	532	.894
7	McGeary	Providence	72	214	254	62	530	.883
8	Farrell	Syracuse and Providence	65	202	239	61	502	.878
9	Barnes	Cincinnati	14	47	43	15	105	.857
10	Strief	Cleveland	15	35	41	15	91	.835
11	Creamer	Syracuse	10	21	31	11	63	.825

THIRD BASEMEN.

1	McGeary	Providence	12	20	35	5	60	.916
2	Glasscock	Cleveland	15	32	30	7	69	.898
3	Morrill	Boston	51	70	96	23	189	.873
4	Williamson	Chicago	68	79	187	39	305	.872
5	Ward	Providence	10	16	26	7	49	.857
6	Richardson	Buffalo	77	82	148	42	272	.845
7	Gerhardt	Cincinnati	14	22	27	9	58	.844
	Sutton	Boston	33	36	43	18	97	.844

THIRD BASEMEN.

(CONTINUED.)

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Number of Games Played.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Total Chances.	Percentage of Chances Accep'd.
8	Dorgan	Syracuse	11	14	20	7	41	.829
9	Warner	Cleveland	54	78	109	39	226	.827
10	Hague	Providence	50	53	122	38	213	.821
11	Kelly	Cincinnati	34	34	91	28	153	.817
12	Carpenter	Syracuse	17	33	26	14	73	.808
13	Ferguson	Troy City	24	29	55	20	104	.807
14	Doscher	Troy City	46	47	95	35	177	.802
15	Woodhead	Syracuse	33	52	51	27	130	.792
16	Foley	Cincinnati	26	38	44	22	104	.788
17	Allen	Cleveland and Syracuse.	22	44	32	22	98	.775

SHORT STOPS.

1	{ Wright	Providence	84	96	315	33	444	.925
	{ Force	Buffalo	77	70	259	26	355	.926
2	Caskins	Troy City	41	42	163	23	228	.899
3	Sutton	Boston	51	53	167	29	249	.883
4	Richmond	Syracuse	27	51	67	17	135	.874
5	Carey	Cleveland	80	79	263	54	396	.863
6	Barnes	Cincinnati	61	95	209	52	356	.853
7	Peters	Chicago	79	92	263	66	421	.843
8	Nelson	Troy City	24	33	88	21	145	.834
9	{ Houck	Boston	33	47	86	28	161	.826
	{ Macullar	Syracuse	35	59	112	36	207	.826
10	Burke	Cincinnati	19	28	53	22	103	.786

FIELDERS.

1	Jones	Boston	83	162	20	13	195	.933
2	{ Egger	Buffalo	77	113	11	11	135	.918
	{ McGunigle	Buffalo	33	60	8	6	74	.918
3	Hankinson	Chicago	12	19	1	2	22	.909
4	Strief	Cleveland	56	105	7	12	124	.903
5	York	Providence	80	114	9	14	137	.897
6	Macullar	Syracuse	24	68	6	9	83	.891
7	Evans	Troy City	70	148	30	23	201	.885
8	John O'Rourke ..	Boston	70	147	10	21	178	.882
9	M. R. Mansell ..	Syracuse	66	202	11	29	242	.880
10	Richmond	Syracuse	33	76	7	12	95	.873
11	Remsen	Chicago	29	50	4	8	62	.871
12	Gore	Chicago	52	91	9	15	115	.869
13	Hines	Providence	84	145	24	26	195	.866
14	Riley	Cleveland	43	79	12	16	107	.860
15	Jas. McCormick ..	Cleveland	11	20	2	4	26	.846
16	Hornung	Buffalo	77	129	12	26	167	.844
17	Hall	Troy City	66	125	18	27	170	.841

FIELDERS—Continued.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Number of Games Played.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Total Chances.	Percentage of Chances Accepted.
18	Warner.....	Cleveland.....	20	36	5	8	49	.836
19	Hotaling.....	Cincinnati.....	64	109	16	25	150	.833
20	Hawes.....	Boston.....	33	38	10	10	58	.827
21	Gilligan.....	Cleveland.....	23	32	6	8	46	.826
22	Houck.....	Boston.....	47	62	17	18	97	.814
23	Eden.....	Cleveland.....	79	101	21	29	151	.808
24	Crowley.....	Buffalo.....	39	58	14	18	90	.800
25	Dickerson.....	Cincinnati.....	80	143	8	38	189	.798
	Shaffer.....	Chicago.....	69	95	48	36	179	.798
26	W. B. Foley.....	Cincinnati.....	25	40	11	14	65	.784
	Jas. O'Rourke.....	Providence.....	54	51	11	17	79	.784
27	Carpenter.....	Syracuse.....	11	19	6	7	32	.781
28	Kelly.....	Cincinnati.....	26	47	7	16	70	.771
29	Taylor.....	Troy City.....	21	37	2	12	51	.764
30	Mathews.....	Providence.....	19	17	5	7	29	.758
31	Purcell.....	Cincinnati and Syracuse	51	84	7	30	121	.752
32	Dorgan.....	Syracuse.....	14	27	6	11	44	.750
33	Thos. Mansell.....	Troy City.....	39	61	3	23	87	.735
34	Dalrymple.....	Chicago.....	67	99	4	40	143	.720
35	Aaron Clapp.....	Troy City.....	10	9	3	6	18	.666
	J. L. White.....	Cincinnati.....	20	22	0	11	33	.666
36	C. J. Foley.....	Boston.....	15	9	2	7	18	.611

CATCHERS' AVERAGES.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Number of Games Played.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Passed Balls.	Total Chances.	Percentage of Chances Accepted.
1	Flint.....	Chicago.....	74	317	98	40	45	500	.830
2	Snyder.....	Boston.....	80	398	142	44	71	655	.824
3	Kennedy.....	Cleveland.....	44	279	50	40	34	403	.816
4	Clapp, J. E.....	Buffalo.....	60	282	57	35	55	429	.790
5	Gross.....	Providence.....	30	152	39	22	30	243	.786
6	Holbert.....	Syracuse.....	54	269	64	39	57	429	.776
7	Brown.....	Providence.....	47	284	63	6	40	450	.771
	White, J. E.....	Cincinnati.....	55	300	84	54	60	498	.771
8	Kelly.....	Cincinnati.....	16	87	37	10	29	163	.760
9	Crowley.....	Buffalo.....	10	34	8	7	7	56	.750
10	Gilligan.....	Cleveland.....	27	147	41	28	42	258	.728
11	Gaskins.....	Troy City.....	20	103	33	18	45	199	.683
12	Riley.....	Troy City.....	49	231	49	64	39	433	.646

BATTING AND FIELDING RECORD OF CLUBS. MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS.

SEASON OF 1879.

NAME OF CLUB.	BATTING.										FIELDING.				
	Number of Games Played.	Numb'r of Games Won	Times at Bat.	Runs Scored.	Average per Game.	First Bases.	Perce'tage of Base Hits per times at Bat.	Number of Times Reached 1st Base	Perce'tage of Times Reach'd 1st base, per Times at Bat.	Number Put O t.	Times Assisted.	Fielding Errors.	Passed Balls and Wild Pitches.	Total Chances.	Percentage of Chances Accepted.
Providence	84	59	3,372	612	7.28	1,001	.206	1,498	.444	2,317	1,513	379	126	4,335	.883
Boston.....	84	54	3,211	561	6.67	880	.274	1,317	.410	2,257	1,343	327	112	4,049	.891
Chicago.....	79	46	2,982	425	5.38	830	.275	1,154	.386	2,130	1,311	370	77	3,888	.885
Buffalo.....	78	46	2,856	381	4.92	718	.251	1,059	.370	2,103	1,217	326	97	3,743	.887
Cincinnati.....	80	43	3,063	483	6.03	808	.263	1,196	.390	2,165	1,260	484	158	4,067	.842
Cleveland.....	82	27	2,987	322	3.92	666	.223	1,022	.342	2,222	1,304	418	185	4,129	.864
Syracuse.....	70	22	2,587	274	3.91	587	.227	916	.353	1,922	1,906	476	140	3,383	.836
Troy City.....	75	19	2,775	314	4.18	638	.237	1,008	.363	2,039	1,299	476	215	4,029	.828
Total.....	632	316	23,833	3,375	5.34	6,138	.257	9,170	.354	17,155	10,153	3,195	1,110	31,613	.863

PITCHERS' RECORD IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

NAME.	CLUB.	Number of Games Played.	Times at Bat of Opponents.	Runs Scored by Opponents.	Average per Game.	Number of 1st Bases Made by Opponents.	Percentage of Base Hits to Opponents.	Number of Bases Made by Opponents on "Called Balls."	Average per Game.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Wild Pitches.	Total Chances.	Percentage of Chances Accepted.
Bond	Boston.	62	2,182	216	3.48	554	.253	22	0.35	33	310	8	16	367	.934
Bradley	Troy City	53	2,089	350	6.60	576	.275	26	0.49	24	261	24	43	352	.809
Foley, C. J.	Boston	18	677	101	5.61	182	.268	14	0.77	4	83	10	11	108	.805
Galvin	Buffalo	65	2,354	294	4.52	573	.243	28	0.43	34	263	26	22	345	.860
Hankinson	Chicago	24	898	127	5.29	221	.246	26	1.08	17	113	7	3	140	.928
Larkin	Chicago	55	2,083	272	4.94	508	.243	28	0.50	10	208	13	22	253	.861
Mathews	Providence	19	768	89	4.68	194	.252	23	1.21	5	129	5	14	153	.875
Mitchell	Cleveland	22	851	156	7.09	245	.287	34	1.54	10	119	20	13	180	.716
McCormick, James	Cleveland	60	2,236	305	5.08	581	.259	75	1.25	89	310	14	32	395	.883
McCormick Henry	Syracuse	49	1,912	297	6.06	505	.264	30	0.61	13	157	12	26	208	.817
McGunnigle	Buffalo	13	480	66	5.07	113	.235	11	0.84	3	90	3	3	99	.939
Purcell	Syracuse and Cincinnati	22	897	167	7.59	276	.307	22	1.00	3	68	9	23	105	.695
Salisbury	Troy City	10	385	71	7.10	101	.262	11	1.10	3	56	5	9	73	.808
White, W. H.	Cincinnati	75	2,808	410	5.46	692	.246	64	0.85	19	344	26	46	435	.834
Ward	Providence	65	2,353	266	4.09	571	.242	33	0.50	31	378	14	32	455	.899

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES PLAYED

DURING THE

SEASON OF 1879.

No. of Games Played.	DATE, 1879.	NAMES OF CONTESTANTS.	WHERE PLAYED.	WINNING CLUB.	RUNS SCORED.	
					Winning Club.	Losing Club.
1	May	1 Chicago vs. Syracuse.....	Chicago....	Chicago ...	4	3
2	"	1 Boston vs. Buffalo.....	Buffalo....	Boston	5	0
3	"	1 Cincinnati vs. Troy City.	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	7	5
4	"	1 Cleveland vs. Providence	Cleveland..	Providence	15	4
5	"	2 Cleveland vs. Providence	Cleveland..	Providence	7	6
6	"	2 Boston vs. Buffalo.....	Buffalo....	Boston....	7	4
7	"	2 Chicago vs. Syracuse.....	Chicago....	Chicago....	10	5
8	"	2 Cincinnati vs. Troy City.	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	10	1
9	"	3 Cincinnati vs. Troy City.	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	13	12
10	"	3 Boston vs. Buffalo.....	Buffalo	Buffalo....	6	4
11	"	3 Cleveland vs. Providence	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	4	0
12	"	5 Chicago vs. Syracuse.....	Chicago....	Chicago....	7	3
13	"	6 Chicago vs. Troy City....	Chicago....	Chicago....	12	1
14	"	6 Cleveland vs. Boston....	Cleveland..	Boston....	7	2
15	"	6 Buffalo vs. Providence....	Buffalo....	Buff lo....	8	5
16	"	6 Cincinnati vs. Syracuse..	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	7	6
17	"	8 Cincinnati vs. Syracuse..	Cincinnati	Cincinnati.	5	2
18	"	8 Buffalo vs. Providence....	Buffalo....	Buffalo....	3	2
19	"	8 Cleveland vs. Boston....	Cleveland..	Boston....	3	1
20	"	8 Chicago vs. Troy City....	Chicago....	Chicago....	10	5
21	"	10 Chicago vs. Troy City....	Chicago....	Chicago....	15	8
22	"	10 Cincinnati vs. Syracuse..	Cincinnati.	Syracuse...	7	6
23	"	10 Buffalo vs. Providence....	Buffalo....	Providence	16	10
24	"	10 Cleveland vs. Boston....	Cleveland..	Boston....	7	3
25	"	13 Cleveland vs. Syracuse...	Cleveland..	Syracuse...	12	3
26	"	13 Buffalo vs. Troy City....	Buffalo....	Buffalo....	7	1
27	"	13 Chicago vs. Providence..	Chicago....	Providence	14	5
28	"	13 Cincinnati vs. Boston....	Cincinnati.	Boston....	3	2
29	"	15 Cincinnati vs. Boston....	Cincinnati.	Boston....	13	2
30	"	15 Chicago vs. Providence..	Chicago....	Chicago....	7	2
31	"	16 Buffalo vs. Troy City....	Buffalo....	Troy.....	1	0
32	"	17 Buffalo vs. Troy City....	Buffalo....	Buffalo....	16	9
33	"	17 Cincinnati vs. Boston....	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	7	4
34	"	17 Chicago vs. Providence..	Chicago....	Chicago....	3	1
35	"	17 Syracuse vs. Cleveland...	Cleveland..	Syracuse...	11	3
36	"	20 Syracuse vs. Buffalo.....	Buffalo....	Buffalo....	8	0
37	"	20 Chicago vs. Boston.....	Chicago....	Chicago....	9	5
38	"	20 Cleveland vs. Troy City..	Cleveland..	Troy City..	5	2
39	"	20 Cincinnati vs. Providence	Cincinnati.	Providence	11	5
40	"	22 Cincinnati vs. Providence	Cincinnati.	Providence	10	9
41	"	22 Cleveland vs. Troy City..	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	10	8
42	"	22 Syracuse vs. Buffalo....	Buffalo....	Syracuse...	15	11
43	"	22 Chicago vs. Boston.....	Chicago....	Chicago....	4	3

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES—*Continued.*

No. of Games Played.	DATE, 1879.	NAMES OF CONTESTANTS.	WHERE PLAYED.	WINNING CLUB.	RUNS SCORED.	
					Winning Club.	Losing Club.
44	May	24 Chicago vs. Boston.....	Chicago....	Chicago...	6	2
45	"	24 Cincinnati vs. Providence	Cincinnati.	Providence	17	1
46	"	24 Cleveland vs. Troy City..	Cleveland..	Troy City..	7	2
47	"	24 Buffalo vs. Syracuse.....	Buffalo.....	Syracuse...	8	3
48	"	28 Buffalo vs. Providence...	Providence	Providence	9	2
49	"	28 Chicago vs. Boston.....	Boston.....	Chicago....	6	0
50	"	28 Cincinnati vs. Troy City.	Troy.....	Troy City..	20	6
51	"	28 Cleveland vs. Syracuse..	Syracuse...	Syracuse...	4	0
52	"	29 Cleveland vs. Syracuse...	Syracuse...	Cleveland.	14	6
53	"	30 Cleveland vs. Syracuse...	Syracuse...	Syracuse...	4	2
54	"	30 Chicago vs. Boston.....	Boston.....	Chicago....	8	0
55	"	30 Cincinnati vs. Troy City.	Troy.....	Cincinnati.	4	2
56	"	30 Buffalo vs. Providence...	Providence	Providence	4	0
57	"	31 Buffalo vs. Providence...	Providence	Providence	13	2
58	"	31 Cincinnati vs. Troy City.	Troy.....	Cincinnati.	6	2
59	"	31 Chicago vs. Boston.....	Boston.....	Chicago....	4	2
60	"	31 Cleveland vs. Syracuse...	Syracuse...	Syracuse...	8	7
61	June	4 Cincinnati vs. Syracuse..	Syracuse...	Cincinnati.	6	5
62	"	5 Cincinnati vs. Syracuse..	Syracuse...	Syracuse...	10	1
63	"	5 Chicago vs. Providence..	Providence	Chicago....	6	5
64	"	5 Cleveland vs. Troy City..	Troy.....	Cleveland..	4	2
65	"	6 Boston vs. Buffalo.....	Boston.....	Boston....	7	4
66	"	6 Providence vs. Chicago..	Providence	Providence	3	0
67	"	7 Providence vs. Chicago..	Providence	Chicago....	12	6
68	"	7 Cleveland vs. Troy City..	Troy.....	Troy City..	19	4
69	"	7 Cincinnati vs. Syracuse..	Syracuse...	Syracuse...	9	3
70	"	7 Boston vs. Buffalo.....	Boston.....	Buffalo....	4	1
71	"	9 Boston vs. Buffalo.....	Boston.....	Boston....	9	0
72	"	10 Boston vs. Cleveland....	Boston.....	Boston....	11	1
73	"	10 Providence vs. Cincinnati	Providence	Providence	6	1
74	"	11 Chicago vs. Troy City....	Troy.....	Chicago....	6	3
75	"	11 Syracuse vs. Buffalo.....	Syracuse...	Syracuse...	7	5
76	"	12 Syracuse vs. Buffalo.....	Syracuse...	Buffalo....	5	3
77	"	12 Chicago vs. Troy City....	Troy.....	Chicago....	13	3
78	"	12 Boston vs. Cleveland....	Boston.....	Boston....	1	0
79	"	13 Providence vs. Cincinnati	Providence	Providence	19	6
80	"	14 Providence vs. Cincinnati	Providence	Providence	4	3
81	"	14 Cleveland vs. Boston....	Boston....	Cleveland..	3	2
82	"	14 Syracuse vs. Buffalo.....	Syracuse...	Buffalo....	10	0
83	"	14 Chicago vs. Troy City....	Troy.....	Troy.....	10	9
84	"	17 Chicago vs. Syracuse....	Syracuse...	Chicago....	3	2
85	"	17 Buffalo vs. Troy City....	Troy.....	Buffalo....	3	1
86	"	17 Boston vs. Cincinnati....	Boston.....	Boston....	9	6
87	"	17 Cleveland vs. Providence	Providence	Cleveland..	5	2
88	"	19 Cleveland vs. Providence	Providence	Providence	8	1
89	"	19 Chicago vs. Syracuse....	Syracuse...	Chicago....	4	3
90	"	19 Buffalo vs. Troy City....	Troy.....	Buffalo....	4	3
91	"	19 Boston vs. Cincinnati....	Boston.....	Boston....	6	0
92	"	20 Buffalo vs. Troy City....	Troy.....	Buffalo....	8	3
93	"	21 Chicago vs. Syracuse....	Syracuse...	Chicago....	5	3
94	"	21 Cleveland vs. Providence	Providence	Providence	5	3

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No. of Games Played.	DATE, 1879.	NAMES OF CONTESTANTS	WHERE PLAYED.	WINNING CLUB.	RUNS SCORED.	
					Winning Club.	Losing Club.
95	June 21	Cincinnati vs. Boston...	Boston.....	Cincinnati..	15	13
96	" 23	Syracuse vs. Troy City...	Troy.....	Troy City..	6	0
97	" 24	Buffalo vs. Cleveland....	Buffalo.....	Cleveland..	4	3
98	" 24	Cincinnati vs. Chicago...	Cincinnati..	Cincinnati..	4	1
99	" 24	Providence vs. Boston...	Boston.....	Providence	4	1
100	" 25	Providence vs. Boston...	Providence	Providence	9	2
101	" 25	Buffalo vs. Cleveland....	Buffalo.....	Buffalo.....	3	0
102	" 25	Cincinnati vs. Chicago...	Cincinnati..	Chicago....	7	3
103	" 25	Syracuse vs. Troy City..	Troy.....	Troy.....	5	1
104	" 26	Syracuse vs. Troy City...	Troy	Troy.....	3	1
105	" 26	Providence vs. Boston...	Boston.....	Boston.....	3	2
106	" 27	Providence vs. Boston...	Providence	Providence	15	3
107	" 27	Buffalo vs. Cleveland....	Buffalo.....	Buffalo.....	2	1
108	" 28	Chicago vs. Cincinnati..	Chicago....	Chicago....	5	1
109	" 28	Providence vs. Boston...	Boston.....	Boston.....	10	5
110	" 30	Syracuse vs. Troy City..	Syracuse...	Troy City..	5	2
111	" 30	Cleveland vs. Buffalo....	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	2	1
112	July 1	Providence vs. Boston...	Providence	Providence	8	4
113	" 1	Cleveland vs. Buffalo....	Cleveland..	Buffalo.....	9	0
114	" 1	Chicago vs. Cincinnati..	Chicago....	Cincinnati..	7	5
115	" 1	Syracuse vs. Troy City...	Syracuse...	Syracuse...	6	5
116	" 2	Syracuse vs. Troy City...	Syracuse...	Syracuse...	4	0
117	" 2	Chicago vs. Cincinnati..	Chicago....	Cincinnati..	9	8
118	" 2	Cleveland vs. Buffalo....	Cleveland..	Buffalo.....	4	2
119	" 4	Cleveland vs. Buffalo....	Buffalo.....	Cleveland..	14	8
120	" 4	Providence vs. Troy City	Providence.	Providence.	7	4
121	" 4	Chicago vs. Boston.....	Chicago....	Boston.....	4	3
122	" 4	Cincinnati vs. Syracuse.	Cincinnati..	Cincinnati..	9	1
123	" 5	Cincinnati vs. Syracuse.	Cincinnati..	Cincinnati..	9	5
124	" 5	Chicago vs. Boston.....	Chicago....	Chicago....	14	6
125	" 5	Buffalo vs. Cleveland....	Buffalo.....	Buffalo.....	9	6
126	" 5	Providence vs. Troy City	Providence.	Providence.	5	2
127	" 7	Providence vs. Troy City	Providence.	Troy City..	9	7
128	" 8	Chicago vs. Boston.....	Chicago....	Chicago....	4	3
129	" 8	Cincinnati vs. Syracuse.	Cincinnati..	Syracuse...	6	1
130	" 8	Buffalo vs. Cleveland....	Buffalo.....	Buffalo.....	2	1
131	" 10	Cleveland vs. Providence	Cleveland..	Providence	6	2
132	" 10	Chicago vs. Syracuse....	Chicago....	Chicago....	7	6
133	" 11	Chicago vs. Syracuse....	Chicago....	Chicago....	8	2
134	" 11	Cincinnati vs. Boston...	Cincinnati..	Boston.....	11	2
135	" 12	Cincinnati vs. Boston...	Cincinnati..	Cincinnati..	4	3
136	" 12	Chicago vs. Syracuse....	Chicago....	Syracuse...	9	7
137	" 12	Cleveland vs. Providence	Cleveland..	Providence	3	2
138	" 12	Buffalo vs. Troy City...	Buffalo.....	Buffalo.....	4	3
139	" 12	Buffalo vs. Troy City...	Buffalo.....	Buffalo.....	5	4
140	" 14	Cleveland vs. Providence	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	7	5
141	" 14	Cincinnati vs. Boston...	Cincinnati..	Boston.....	8	4
142	" 15	Cincinnati vs. Providence	Cincinnati..	Cincinnati..	9	0
143	" 15	Chicago vs. Troy City...	Chicago....	Chicago....	11	0
144	" 15	Syracuse vs. Cleveland..	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	6	7
145	" 15	Buffalo vs. Boston.....	Buffalo.....	Boston.....	4	3

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No. of Games Played.	DATE, 1879.	NAMES OF CONTESTANTS.	WHERE PLAYED.	WINNING CLUB.	Runs Scored.	
					Winning Club.	Losing Club.
146	July	16 Buffalo vs. Boston.....	Buffalo.....	Boston.....	5	3
147	"	16 Chicago vs. Troy City...	Chicago....	Chicago....	4	0
148	"	16 Cincinnati vs. Providence	Cincinnati..	Providence	5	3
149	"	16 Cleveland vs. Syracuse..	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	10	1
150	"	17 Cleveland vs. Syracuse..	Cleveland..	Syracuse...	8	6
151	"	17 Chicago vs. Troy City...	Chicago....	Chicago....	6	4
152	"	17 Cincinnati vs. Providence	Cincinnati..	Cincinnati..	3	4
153	"	17 Buffalo vs. Boston.....	Buffalo.....	Boston.....	12	5
154	"	19 Buffalo vs. Syracuse.....	Buffalo.....	Buffalo.....	4	3
155	"	19 Cincinnati vs. Troy City	Cincinnati..	Cincinnati..	7	6
156	"	19 Chicago vs. Providence..	Chicago....	Providence..	9	1
157	"	19 Boston vs. Cleveland....	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	8	2
158	"	21 Boston vs. Cleveland....	Cleveland..	Boston.....	9	0
159	"	21 Cincinnati vs. Troy City.	Cincinnati..	Cincinnati..	10	0
160	"	21 Buffalo vs. Syracuse.....	Buffalo.....	Buffalo.....	3	1
161	"	22 Chicago vs. Providence..	Chicago....	Chicago....	8	6
162	"	23 Chicago vs. Providence..	Chicago....	Providence..	13	4
163	"	23 Boston vs. Cleveland..	Cleveland..	Boston.....	3	1
164	"	24 Troy City vs. Cleveland..	Cleveland..	Troy City..	2	0
165	"	24 Buffalo vs. Providence..	Buffalo.....	Buffalo.....	7	4
166	"	25 Chicago vs. Cincinnati..	Chicago....	Chicago....	6	3
167	"	26 Chicago vs. Cincinnati..	Chicago....	Cincinnati..	11	8
168	"	26 Buffalo vs. Providence..	Buffalo.....	Buffalo.....	6	2
169	"	26 Syracuse vs. Boston.....	Syracuse...	Syracuse...	1	0
170	"	28 Syracuse vs. Boston.....	Syracuse...	Boston.....	12	0
171	"	28 Chicago vs. Cincinnati..	Chicago....	Cincinnati..	5	2
172	"	28 Providence vs. Buffalo...	Buffalo.....	Buffalo.....	7	5
173	"	28 Cleveland vs. Troy City..	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	2	1
174	"	29 Syracuse vs. Boston.....	Syracuse...	Boston.....	13	4
175	"	30 Syracuse vs. Providence..	Syracuse...	Providence..	9	2
176	"	30 Buffalo vs. Cincinnati...	Cincinnati..	Buffalo.....	7	5
177	"	30 Chicago vs. Cleveland...	Chicago....	Chicago....	7	6
178	"	30 Troy City vs. Boston.....	Troy.....	Boston.....	8	0
179	"	31 Troy City vs. Boston.....	Troy.....	Boston.....	19	3
180	"	31 Chicago vs. Cleveland...	Chicago....	Chicago....	6	3
181	"	31 Buffalo vs. Cincinnati...	Cincinnati..	Buffalo.....	5	3
182	"	31 Providence vs. Syracuse..	Syracuse...	Providence..	10	2
183	August	2 Providence vs. Syracuse..	Syracuse...	Providence..	8	4
184	"	2 Buffalo vs. Cincinnati...	Cincinnati..	Buffalo.....	9	5
185	"	2 Chicago vs. Cleveland...	Chicago....	Chicago....	7	0
186	"	2 Troy City vs. Boston.....	Troy.....	Boston.....	9	0
187	"	5 Troy City vs. Providence	Troy.....	Providence..	7	6
188	"	5 Boston vs. Syracuse.....	Syracuse...	Boston.....	8	2
189	"	5 Buffalo vs. Chicago.....	Chicago....	Buffalo.....	2	1
190	"	6 Buffalo vs. Chicago.....	Chicago....	Buffalo.....	9	3
191	"	6 Syracuse vs. Boston.....	Syracuse...	Boston.....	7	0
192	"	6 Providence vs. Troy City	Troy.....	Providence..	5	1
193	"	7 Providence vs. Troy City	Troy.....	Providence..	13	9
194	"	7 Chicago vs. Buffalo.....	Chicago....	Chicago....	3	2
195	"	7 Syracuse vs. Boston.....	Syracuse...	Syracuse...	6	5
196	"	9 Syracuse vs. Providence..	Syracuse...	Providence..	6	3

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No. of Games Played.	DATE, 1879.	NAMES OF CONTESTANTS.	WHERE PLAYED.	WINNING CLUB.	SCORED	
					Winning Club.	Losing Club.
197	August 9	Cleveland vs. Buffalo....	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	6	5
198	" 9	Boston vs. Troy City....	Troy.....	Boston....	6	1
199	" 9	Cincinnati vs. Chicago..	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	11	6
200	" 11	Cincinnati vs. Chicago....	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	5	1
201	" 11	Buffalo vs. Cleveland....	Cleveland..	Buffalo....	2	0
202	" 11	Syracuse vs. Providence.	Syracuse..	Providence	3	2
203	" 11	Troy City vs. Boston....	Troy.....	Boston....	7	4
204	" 12	Troy City vs. Boston....	Troy.....	Boston....	8	7
205	" 12	Buffalo vs. Cleveland....	Cleveland..	Buffalo....	2	0
206	" 12	Providence vs. Syracuse	Syracuse..	Providence	2	1
207	" 12	Chicago vs. Cincinnati..	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	5	0
208	" 13	Providence vs. Troy City	Troy.....	Providence	11	3
209	" 14	Providence vs. Troy City	Troy.....	Troy City..	6	2
210	" 14	Syracuse vs. Boston....	Boston....	Syracuse..	4	0
211	" 14	Chicago vs. Cleveland....	Cleveland..	Chicago....	5	4
212	" 15	Chicago vs. Cleveland....	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	2	0
213	" 15	Boston vs. Syracuse....	Boston....	Boston....	13	0
214	" 15	Troy City vs. Providence	Troy.....	Providence	16	7
215	" 15	Buffalo vs. Cincinnati..	Buffalo....	Buffalo....	10	9
216	" 18	Cleveland vs. Chicago....	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	11	2
217	" 19	Boston vs. Troy City....	Boston....	Boston....	8	3
218	" 19	Providence vs. Syracuse.	Providence	Providence	12	2
219	" 19	Cincinnati vs. Cleveland.	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	2	1
220	" 19	Chicago vs. Buffalo.....	Chicago....	Buffalo....	9	3
221	" 20	Chicago vs. Buffalo.....	Chicago....	Chicago....	8	1
222	" 20	Providence vs. Syracuse.	Providence	Providence	13	3
2 3	" 20	Cincinnati vs. Cleveland.	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	9	5
224	" 20	Boston vs. Troy City....	Boston....	Boston....	15	3
225	" 21	Boston vs. Troy City....	Boston....	Boston....	16	0
226	" 21	Chicago vs. Buffalo.....	Chicago....	Chicago....	10	1
227	" 21	Providence vs. Syracuse.	Providence	Syracuse..	6	0
228	" 21	Cincinnati vs. Cleveland.	Cincinnati.	Cleveland..	7	3
229	" 22	Cincinnati vs. Cleveland	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	15	1
230	" 22	Boston vs. Syracuse....	Boston....	Boston....	12	4
231	" 23	Boston vs. Syracuse....	Boston....	Boston....	11	2
232	" 23	Providence vs. Troy City	Providence	Providence	12	3
233	" 23	Chicago vs. Cleveland....	Chicago....	Chicago....	6	1
234	" 25	Chicago vs. Cleveland....	Chicago....	Cleveland..	5	1
235	" 25	Providence vs. Troy City	Providence	Providence	9	1
236	" 26	Providence vs. Troy City	Providence	Providence	8	6
237	" 26	Chicago vs. Cleveland....	Chicago....	Chicago....	6	3
238	" 26	Boston vs. Syracuse....	Boston....	Boston....	10	3
239	" 26	Cincinnati vs. Buffalo....	Cincinnati.	Buffalo....	4	0
240	" 27	Cincinnati vs. Buffalo....	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	5	2
241	" 27	Boston vs. Syracuse....	Boston....	Boston....	6	4
242	" 28	Buffalo vs. Chicago.....	Buffalo....	Chicago....	6	1
243	" 28	Providence vs. Syracuse.	Providence	Providence	17	1
244	" 28	Cleveland vs. Cincinnati	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	7	6
245	" 28	Boston vs. Troy City....	Boston....	Boston....	15	1
246	" 29	Cleveland vs. Cincinnati.	Cleveland..	Cincinnati.	9	3
247	" 29	Boston vs. Troy City....	Boston....	Boston....	11	1

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No. of Games Played.	DATE, 1879.	NAMES OF CONTESTANTS.	WHERE PLAYED.	WINNING CLUB.	RUNS SCORED	
					Winning Club.	Losing Club.
248	Aug. 29	Providence vs. Syracuse.	Providence	Syracuse...	7	4
249	" 30	Providence vs. Syracuse.	Providence	Providence	6	2
250	" 30	Boston vs. Troy City....	Boston....	Troy City..	4	1
251	" 30	Cleveland vs. Cincinnati	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	10	3
252	Sept. 1	Cleveland vs. Cincinnati	Cleveland..	Cincinnati.	4	2
253	" 1	Buffalo vs. Chicago.....	Buffalo. ..	Chicago....	4	1
254	" 3	Chicago vs. Providence..	Providence	Providence	8	1
255	" 3	Cleveland vs. Troy City.	Troy.....	Troy City..	5	4
256	" 3	Boston vs. Buffalo.....	Boston....	Buffalo....	8	5
257	" 4	Syracuse vs. Cincinnati..	Syracuse...	Cincinnati.	6	2
258	" 4	Chicago vs. Providence ..	Providence	Providence	10	3
259	" 4	Cleveland vs. Troy City.	Troy.....	Cleveland..	4	1
260	" 5	Cleveland vs. Troy City..	Troy.....	Cleveland..	6	1
261	" 5	Buffalo vs. Boston	Boston....	Boston....	9	3
262	" 5	Syracuse vs. Cincinnati..	Syracuse...	Cincinnati.	18	2
263	" 6	Syracuse vs. Cincinnati.	Syracuse...	Cincinnati.	6	0
264	" 6	Providence vs. Chicago..	Providence	Providence	11	5
265	" 6	Cleveland vs. Troy City.	Troy.....	Troy City..	13	5
266	" 6	Boston vs. Buffalo.....	Boston....	Boston....	10	1
267	" 8	Cincinnati vs. Troy City.	Troy.....	Cincinnati.	11	5
268	" 8	Providence vs. Buffalo...	Providence	Providence	7	4
269	" 8	Chicago vs. Boston.....	Boston....	Boston....	10	0
270	" 9	Chicago vs. Boston.....	Boston....	Boston....	4	0
271	" 9	Providence vs. Buffalo...	Providence	Buffalo....	4	2
272	" 9	Cleveland vs. Syracuse..	Syracuse...	Cleveland..	5	0
273	" 10	Cleveland vs. Syracuse..	Syracuse...	Syracuse...	6	5
274	" 10	Troy City vs. Cincinnati.	Troy.....	Troy City..	9	4
275	" 10	Buffalo vs. Providence...	Providence	Providence	3	2
276	" 10	Boston vs. Chicago.....	Boston....	Boston....	17	8
277	" 11	Cincinnati vs. Troy City.	Troy.....	Cincinnati.	10	1
278	" 12	Cincinnati vs. Boston....	Boston....	Boston....	4	1
279	" 12	Buffalo vs. Troy City ...	Troy.....	Buffalo....	8	2
280	" 12	Cleveland vs. Providence	Providence	Providence	8	4
281	" 13	Cleveland vs. Providence	Providence	Cleveland..	2	1
282	" 13	Buffalo vs. Troy City....	Troy.....	Buffalo....	10	4
283	" 13	Cincinnati vs. Boston....	Boston....	Cincinnati.	7	5
284	" 15	Cincinnati vs. Boston....	Boston....	Cincinnati.	5	3
285	" 15	Buffalo vs. Troy City....	Troy.....	Buffalo....	4	2
286	" 15	Providence vs. Cleveland	Providence	Providence	5	1
287	" 16	Buffalo vs. Troy City....	Troy.....	Buffalo....	2	1
288	" 17	Chicago vs. Troy City....	Troy.....	Troy City..	5	4
289	" 17	Providence vs. Cincinnati	Providence	Providence	6	2
290	" 17	Boston vs. Cleveland ...	Boston....	Boston....	4	3
291	" 18	Providence vs. Cincinnati	Providence	Providence	5	4
292	" 19	Providence vs. Cincinnati	Providence	Providence	15	5
293	" 19	Boston vs. Cleveland....	Boston....	Boston....	10	7
294	" 20	Boston vs. Cleveland....	Boston....	Boston....	10	7
295	" 20	Chicago vs. Troy City....	Troy.....	Troy City..	6	4
296	" 22	Buffalo vs. Cincinnati...	Buffalo....	Buffalo....	3	0
297	" 23	Buffalo vs. Cincinnati...	Buffalo....	Buffalo....	12	7
298	" 23	Chicago vs. Cleveland...	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	10	7

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No. of Games Played.	DATE, 1879.	NAMES OF CONTESTANTS.	WHERE PLAYED.	WINNING CLUB.	RUNS SCORED.	
					Winning Club.	Losing Club.
299	Sept. 23	Providence vs. Boston...	Boston.....	Boston.....	7	3
300	" 24	Buffalo vs. Cincinnati...	Buffalo.....	Cincinnati.	8	5
301	" 24	Chicago vs. Cleveland...	Cleveland..	Chicago....	2	1
302	" 25	Chicago vs. Cleveland...	Cleveland..	Chicago....	6	5
303	" 25	Boston vs. Providence..	Boston.....	Providence	15	4
304	" 25	Cincinnati vs. Buffalo...	Buffalo.....	Cincinnati.	10	2
305	" 26	Cincinnati vs. Cleveland	Cleveland..	Cincinnati.	6	2
306	" 26	Buffalo vs. Chicago.....	Buffalo.....	Chicago....	3	1
307	" 26	Providence vs. Boston...	Providence	Providence	7	6
308	" 27	Providence vs. Boston...	Boston.....	Boston.....	12	6
309	" 27	Buffalo vs. Chicago.	Buffalo.. ..	Buffalo....	17	5
310	" 27	Cincinnati vs. Cleveland.	Cleveland..	Cincinnati.	15	4
311	" 29	Cincinnati vs. Cleveland.	Cleveland..	Cincinnati.	13	1
312	" 29	Buffalo vs. Chicago.....	Buffalo. ...	Buffalo....	5	3
313	" 29	Providence vs. Boston...	Providence	Providence	5	1
314	" 30	Providence vs. Boston...	Providence	Providence	14	3
315	" 30	Cleveland vs. Cincinnati.	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	1	6
316	" 30	Buffalo vs. Chicago	Buffalo.....	Buffalo....	10	2
Total.....					2430	945

Total Number of Runs Scored, 3,375.

RUNS SCORED BY CLUBS.

Providence.....	612	Opponents,	355
Boston	561	"	348
Chicago.....	425	"	399
Buffalo	384	"	360
Cincinnati.....	483	"	462
Cleveland	322	"	461
Troy City.....	314	"	535
Syracuse	274	"	455
		3,375	3 375

Average number of runs scored per game by winning clubs.....7.69

Average number of runs scored per game by losing clubs.....2.99

BATTING AVERAGES OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION CLUBS.

The following figures, furnished by Secretary Williams, of the National Association, show the batting averages of players in clubs belonging to that Association in games among themselves:

Rank.	PLAYERS.	N'mber of Games Played.	Perc'tage of Hits to times at Bat.
1	Gillespie, Holyoke.....	39	411
2	Wood, Manchester and Worcester.....	52	368
2	Richmond, Worcester.....	44	368
2	Powell, Holyoke.....	44	368
3	Connor.....	45	366
3	Knight, Worcester.....	50	366
4	Pike, Springfield, Holyoke and Albany.....	53	356
5	Cassidy, Springfield.....	46	339
6	Bennett, Worcester.....	42	327
7	Higham, Rochester.....	22	316
7	McKinnon, Rochester.....	22	316
7	O'Leary, Springfield.....	44	316
8	Hanlon, Albany.....	47	315
9	McClellan, National.....	49	309
10	McGuinness, Utica.....	21	307
11	Sullivan, J. Holyoke.....	22	306
12	Stoughton, Manchester.....	19	305
13	Dorgan, Holyoke.....	42	304
14	Leonard, Rochester.....	20	302
15	Cogswell, Manchester.....	32	300
15	Myerle, National.....	42	300
16	Winchester, Holyoke.....	45	299
16	Piggott, New Bedford.....	27	299
17	Ellick, National.....	45	296
18	Baker, National.....	49	291
19	Bushong, Worcester.....	46	290
20	Harbidge, Springfield and Holyoke.....	11	283
21	Stovey, New Bedford.....	47	287
22	Say, Albany.....	51	285
23	Weaver, Worcester.....	11	282
24	Sullivan, J. F. Worcester.....	47	280
25	Whitney, Worcester.....	47	277
26	Muldoon, New Bedford and Albany.....	50	276
27	Ferguson, Springfield.....	15	275
28	Corcoran, Springfield and Holyoke.....	39	274
28	Dinnin, Utica and Rochester.....	25	274
29	Roseman, New Bedford and Holyoke.....	36	272
30	McClure, Rochester.....	22	271
30	Irwin, Worcester.....	32	271
31	Sullivan, D. J. Albany and Worcester.....	11	270
32	Goldsmith, Springfield.....	36	269
33	Mutrie, Worcester and New Bedford.....	18	267
34	Welch, Holyoke.....	43	266

BATTING AVERAGES OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION CLUBS—*Con.*

Rank.	PLAYERS.	Number of Games Played.		Percentage of Hits to times at Bat.
35	Burns, Albany.....	49		.262
36	M ck, Utica, Springfield and National.....	48		.260
37	Thomas, Albany.....	47		.258
37	Dunlap, Albany.....	51		.238
38	Tierney, National.....	13		.254
39	Derby, National.....	48		.253
40	O'Connor, New Bedford.....	32		.252
41	Brady, Worcester.....	48		.247
42	Briody, New Bedford.....	48		.245
42	Morrissey, Manchester.....	32		.245
43	Lynch, National.....	47		.244
44	Latham, National and Springfield.....	50		.241
44	Manning, Rochester.....	22		.241
45	Keenan, Albany.....	51		.237
46	Remsen, Utica.....	29		.235
47	Kennedy, Utica, New Bedford and Rochester.....	42		.234
48	Reipschlagel, New Bedford.....	41		.233
49	Heifer, Worcester.....	11		.231
50	Smith, Springfield.....	46		.230
51	Powers, Springfield.....	32		.226
51	Booth, National.....	43		.226
52	"Holly," National.....	22		.223
53	Leary, Manchester.....	32		.222
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The publishers of this GUIDE are continually receiving letters asking all sorts of questions about base ball matters generally, and the constructions of the playing rules in particular, and we have given a few of the more common questions, and our answers to the same:

Q. No. 1.—What is the penalty for batting out of turn? A.—The player who strikes out of turn is out.

Q. No. 2.—Can a batsman be credited with a base hit on a ball hit so as to admit of any base runner being forced out? A.—No.

Q. No 3.—Is a batsman entitled to credit for a base hit when he has reached first safely but is put out trying to reach second? A.—He is.

Q. No. 4.—What is the longest throw of a base ball? A.—133 yards, 1 foot $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches, made by John Hatfield, of New York.

Q. No. 5.—Can an umpire change his decision? A.—Yes, though he should not do it without good and sufficient reasons.

Q. No. 6.—Does the League adopt a regular bat, same as they do a ball? A.—No, the players select that, and they have universally adopted the Spalding Trade-marked bat.

Q. No. 7.—Why do the League require their official ball to be done up in tin foil and sealed? A.—To better preserve the ball and prevent its being pounded or otherwise tampered with before a game.

Q. No. 8.—Should a pitcher be charged with an error for allowing a man to take his base on called balls? A.—Yes, though there are times that a pitcher shows good judgment in doing so.

Q. No. 9.—Does a ball which strikes the hand of a player, and then bounds and hits a base-runner, put the latter out? A.—No, the ball must be batted to the base-runner direct from the bat to put him out.

Q. No. 10.—What is a base hit? A.—A base hit is a hit by which the ball is sent to the field from the bat in such a way as to prevent its being caught on the fly or fielded to any base in time to force a runner out.

Q. No. 11.—What is the best time ever made in running the four bases? A.—The best authenticated time of which we have any positive knowledge, was made by George F. Gore, of the Chicagos, at San Francisco on a wager for \$100; time, $14\frac{1}{4}$ seconds.

Q. No. 12.—Is a base-runner, in over-running first base, obliged to return and retouch first base before going to second? A.—Yes, unless he makes an immediate attempt to go to second, in which case he forfeits the right to return without being put out.

Q. No. 13.—Why does the League adopt a special ball for all their games, and what one has been selected for 1880? A.—To insure uniformity and guard against fraud. The “Spalding League Ball” was again adopted as the official ball of the League.

Q. No. 14.—What change has been made in regard to calling balls? A.—Every unfair ball pitched, must be called, and the “eighth” ball sends a batter to his base, instead of the “ninth” as in 1879 (counting every third unfair ball pitched), as heretofore.

Q. No. 15.—Can League clubs in playing exhibition games with National Association or non-League clubs use any other than “Spalding’s official League Ball?” A.—No, this ball *must* be used in *all* games played by League clubs, whether with League, professional or amateur clubs.

Q. No. 16.—If a batter leaves his position after having taken his place at the plate, and a pitcher delivers a ball at the proper height called for by striker, should the umpire call a strike on each ball so delivered? A.—Yes, unless the umpire shall have excused the batter by calling “Time.”

Q. No. 17.—What is the difference between a “Balk” and a “Foul Balk?” A.—A pitcher makes a “Balk” when he makes a motion to deliver a ball to the bat, and fails so to deliver it; and a “Foul Balk” is made when the pitcher delivers the ball by an over-hand throw, or allows his arm to pass higher than the waist.

Q. No. 18.—Can a ball that hits the person of a batter after he has struck at and missed it, be called both a dead ball and a strike, and if so what ruling is to be made when it is the third strike? A.—Yes, except in the case of its being the third strike, in which case the batter, who after he has struck at it becomes a base-runner, should be declared out for obstructing the catcher in the act of catching the ball.

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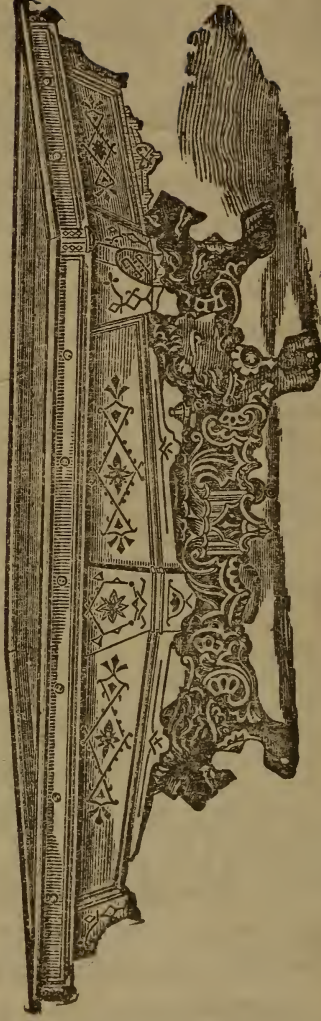
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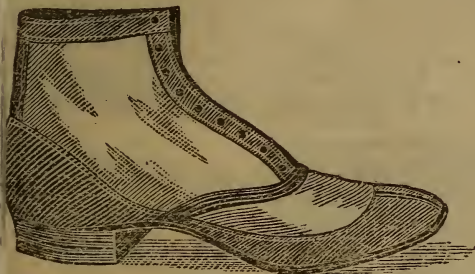
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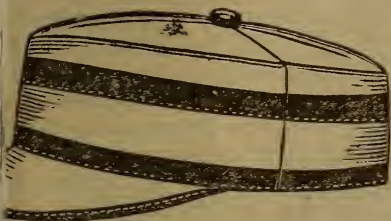
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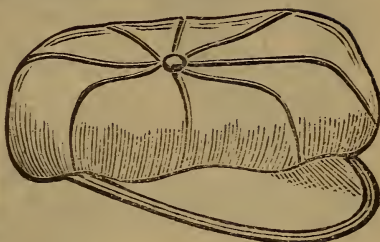
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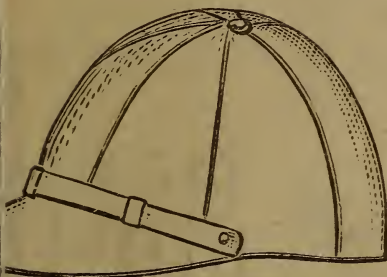
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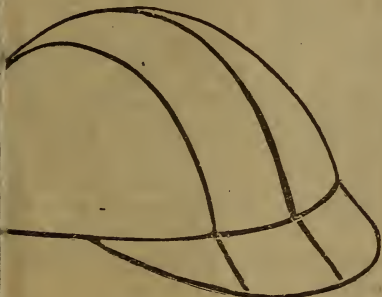
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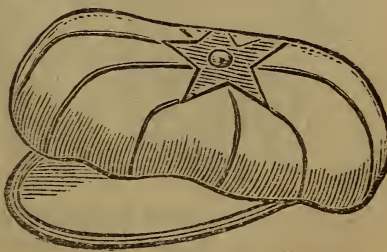
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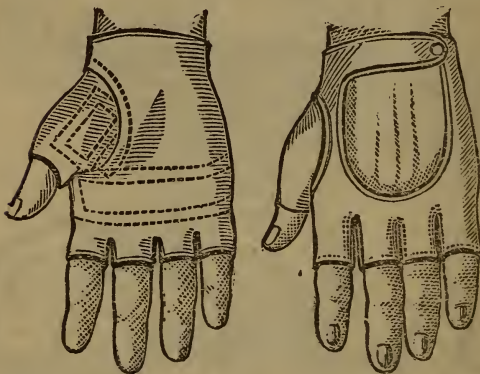
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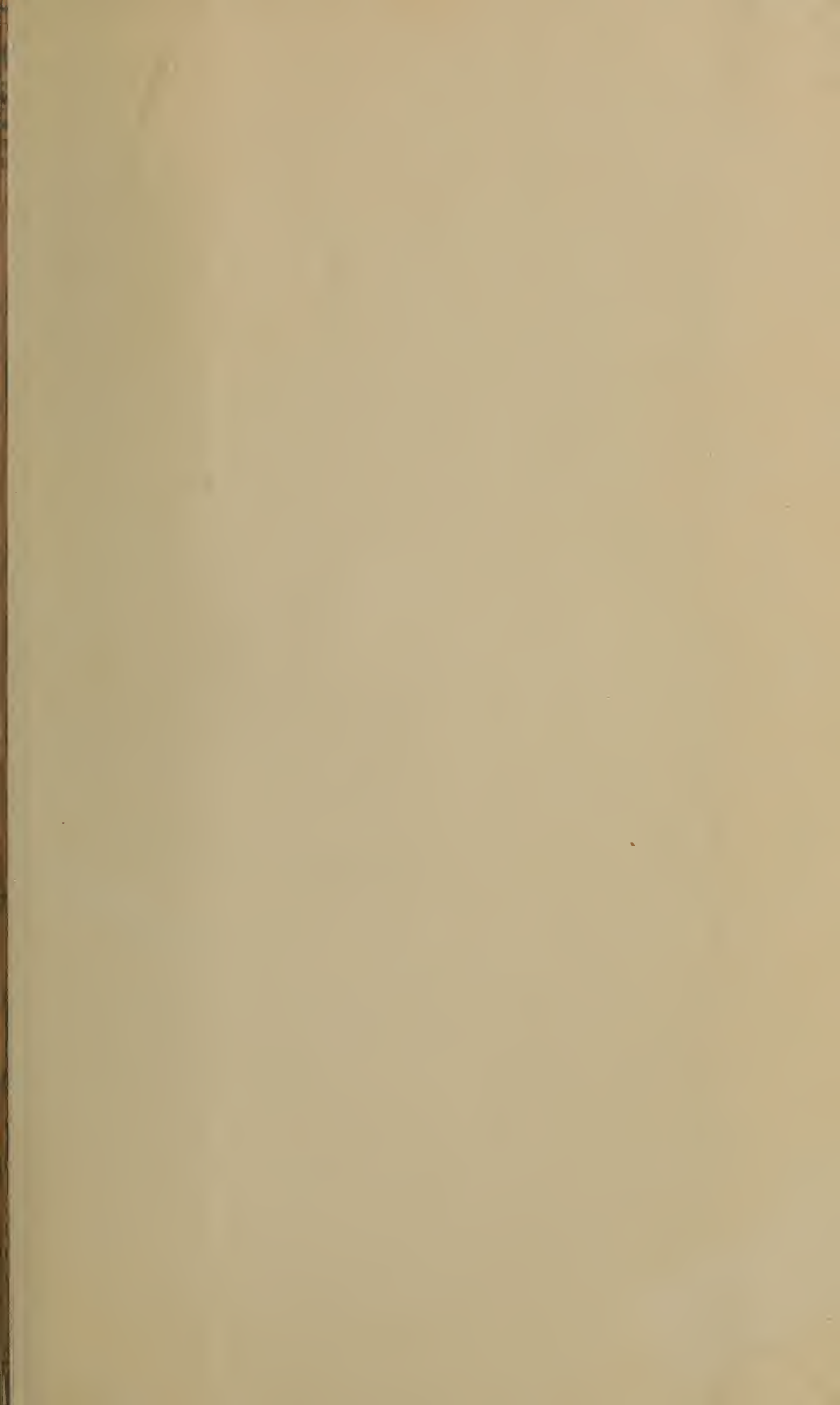
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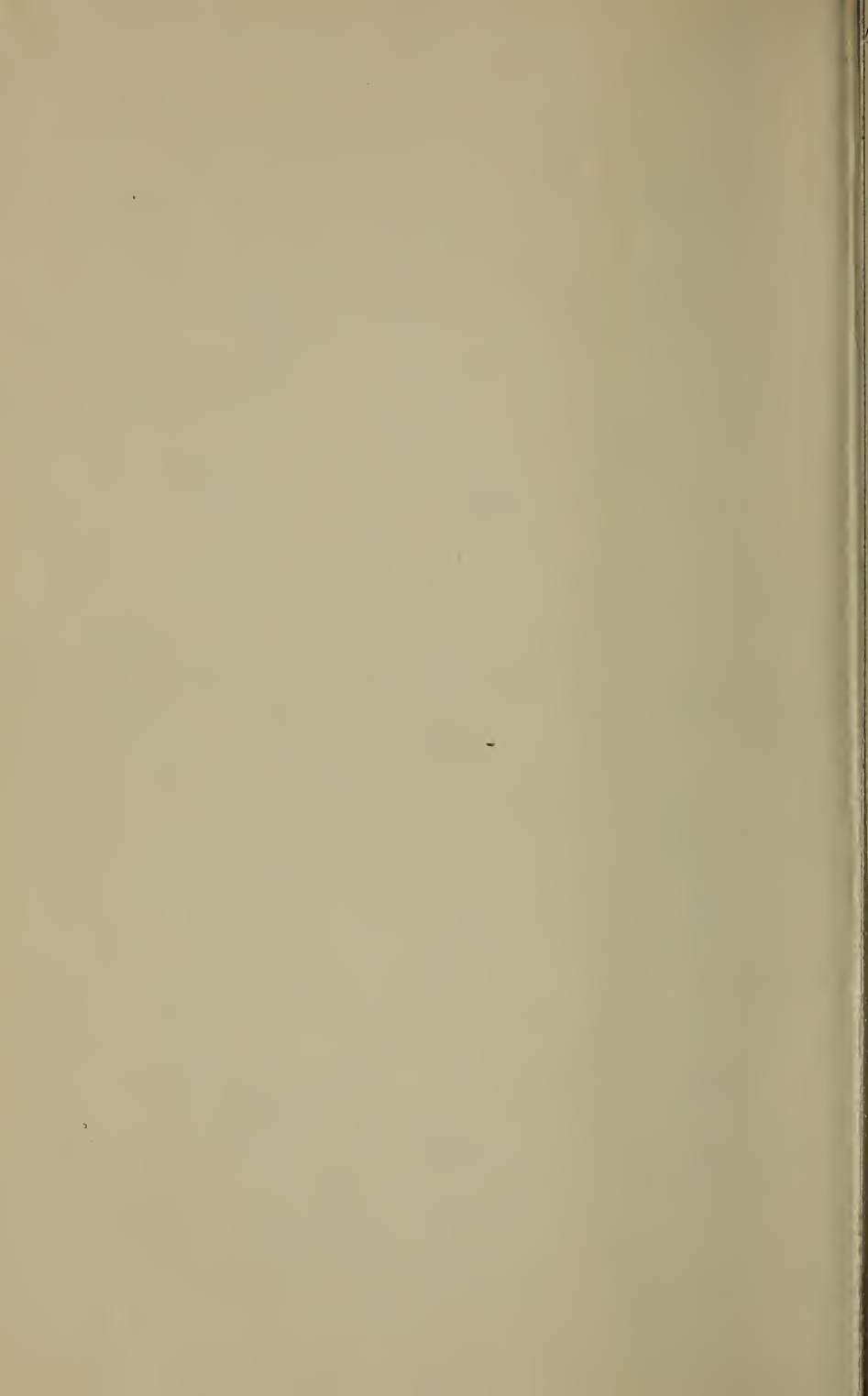
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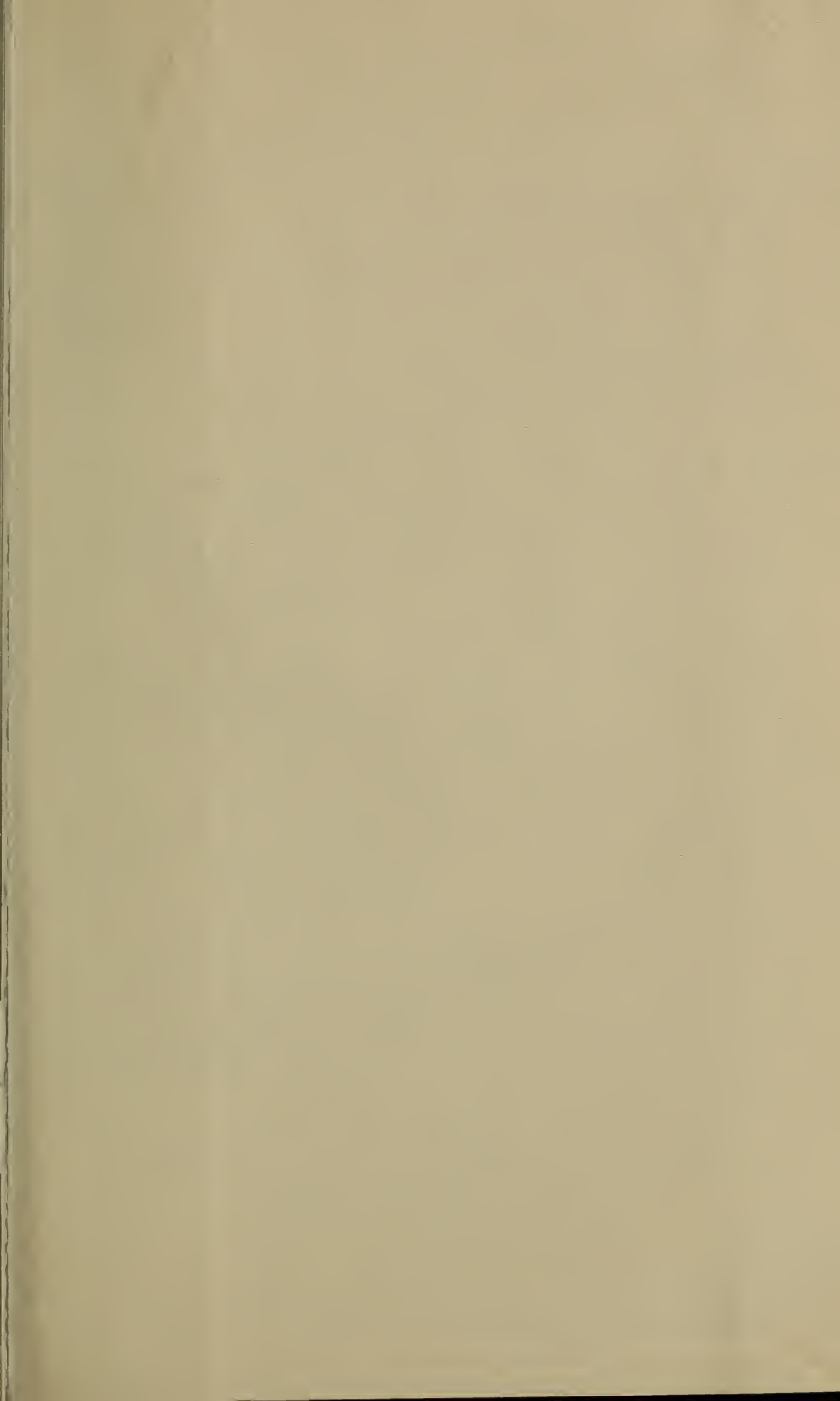
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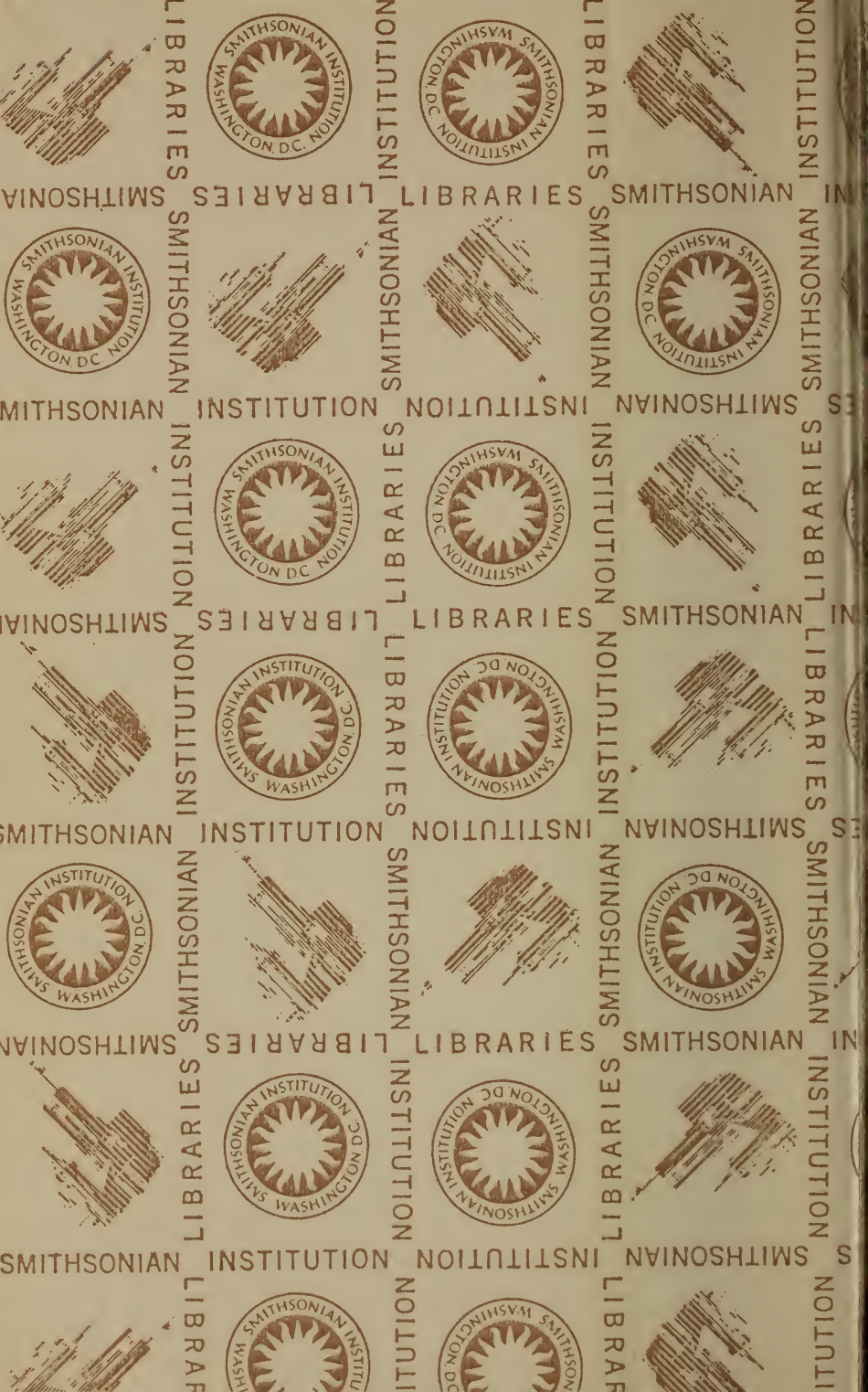
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